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**Winter Park Pain Clinic Owner, Doctor, and three employees,
arrested for Racketeering (RICO), Trafficking in Hydromorphone
and Hydrocodone over 28 grams, and other Charges.
February 4, 2015**

Winter Park, Florida. - On February 4, 2015, Agents from the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (MBI), the Florida Department of Health (FDOH), and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), executed a court ordered search warrant at the business named **Winter Park Pain and Wellness**, located at **511 Granada Drive, Winter Park, Florida**, and another search warrant at the home of **Eric Emerson at 913 Fairway Drive, Winter Park, Florida**. Arrests were made of the owner, the doctor, and the staff of the medical business.

Evidence obtained by an MBI and DOH investigation, reflects that a majority or all of the prescriptions for controlled substances issued by **Dr. Roland Brutus** were dispensed without a reasonable good faith belief of a medically necessary purpose

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and was, therefore, outside the usual course of a professional practice not valid under Florida Statute 893.05 (1).

The evidence reflects that the medical business was **owned** and operated by **Eric Emerson** who was **aided and abetted by Dr. Roland Brutus and staff including, Tara Reynolds, Tameka Heard and Jessica Elizabeth Gallo. Medically unnecessary** prescriptions were routinely issued for highly addictive and lethal controlled substances without a reasonable good faith belief of a medical necessity including **Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, OxyContin, Dilaudid, Morphine, Alprazolam, Diazepam (Valium), Clonazepam (Similar to Xanax) and Mobic** outside the authorized and professional practice of medicine. **Eric Emerson** and **Dr. Roland Brutus** operated a **“CASH ONLY”** business. The medically unnecessary prescriptions were obtained by persons from throughout Central, South, and North Florida including but not limited to: Orange, Osceola, Volusia, Seminole, Flagler, St. Johns, Brevard, Dade and, from as far as, Bay County in the Panhandle.

Based on the information obtained through physical evidence, undercover visits, witness statements and pharmaceutical records, **Eric Emerson, Doctor Roland Brutus** and their staff acted in concert with several other participants resulting in the trafficking of thousands of Hydromorphone, Hydrocodone and Oxycodone tablets, along with thousands of other controlled substances within **Orange County Florida**. The evidence reflects that the business **Winter Park Pain and Wellness, owner Eric Emerson, Dr. Roland Brutus**, and the staff were paid **hundreds of thousands of dollars** in U.S. Currency as a result of the conspiracy and participation in the trafficking of these controlled substances.

The Department Of Health served an Emergency Restriction Order against **Dr. Brutus'** Medical License, restricting him from prescribing any Controlled Substances Scheduled II-IV.

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This is an on-going investigation. MBI and DOH requests that anyone with additional information related to Winter Park Pain and Wellness, or any other illegal pain clinic, please contact MBI at (407) 836 9701.



Dr. Roland Brutus



Eric Emerson



Jessica Gallo



Tameka Heard



Tara Reynolds

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