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Unique Health Care Owner, Doctor, and two employees, arrested for 26 Counts of Operating a Non-Registered Pain Clinic and Illegally Prescribing Controlled Substances by a Practitioner. **May 27, 2015**

Orlando, Florida. - On May 27, 2015, Agents from the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (MBI), the Florida Department of Health (FDOH), Florida Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution, and the Orlando Police Department (OPD), executed a court ordered search warrant at the business named **Unique Health Care**, located at **4978 Millenia Boulevard, Orlando, 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. Donald Charles Edwards** were dispensed without a reasonable good faith belief of a medically

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

Based on the information obtained through physical evidence, undercover visits, witness statements, and pharmaceutical records, the evidence reflects that the medical business was **owned** and operated by **Ronald Van Der Kuijl**, who was **aided and abetted by Dr. Donald Charles Edwards** and staff, including **Mao Amaro** and **Gracielle Van Der Kuijl**. **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 Hydromorphone** outside the authorized and professional practice of medicine. **Ronald Van Der Kuijl** and Dr. Donald Charles Edwards operated a “**CASH ONLY**” business. These medically unnecessary prescriptions were obtained by persons from throughout the Central, South, and North Florida areas including but not limited to: Orange, Osceola, Volusia, Seminole, Flagler, St. Johns, Brevard, and Dade counties, and from as far away as Bay County, in the Panhandle.

Unique Health Care is not a registered pain clinic with the Department Of Health. The Department of Health served an Emergency Restriction Order against **Dr. Donald Charles Edwards’** Medical License, restricting him from prescribing any Controlled Substances Scheduled II-IV.

This is an on-going investigation. MBI and DOH requests that anyone with additional information related to **Unique Health Care**, or any other illegal pain clinic, to please contact the MBI at (407) 836 9701.

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Dr. Donald Charles Edwards



Ronald Van Der Kuijl

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Gracielle Van Der Kuijl



Mao Amaro

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