



Prescription ID Theft Case

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(WSB Radio) -- Acworth Police are investigating a pharmaceutical identity theft case with two victims.

Kennesaw State University student Veronica Tirado's name, address, phone number and Social Security number were used by an unidentified woman to purchase 120 OxyContin tablets from the pharmacy at the Wal-Mart in Acworth.

The prescription was written on a pad that may have been stolen from Cobb County orthopedic surgeon Richard Cohen. It also included the doctor's forged signature.

Dr. Cohen tells Channel 2 Action News he doesn't know how the suspect connected his practice with Ms. Tirado, who is not one of his patients.

Tirado says the ID theft has caused her own pharmacy at a Kroger to flag her account. She was notified of the bogus prescription when the Wal-Mart pharmacist called her to verify any allergies or other medications that might react adversely with the OxyContin.

Dr. Cohen is not surprised by the crime. He says OxyContin tablets sell on the street for several hundred dollars apiece.

The Wal-Mart has turned over security video of the suspect to Acworth Police. Both Tirado and Dr. Cohen say they want the woman prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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