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UNLICENSED DOCTOR ARRESTED

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces the arrest Tuesday, November 23, 2010, of Jose A. Lopez of Randolph, New Jersey. Lopez was charged with practicing medicine without a license. Lopez was practicing out of Family Medical Specialists, 534 21st Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

Lopez's license to practice medicine was surrendered to the State Board of Medical Examiners in 2003.

The investigation leading to the arrest was conducted jointly by the investigators from the Insurance Fraud Unit of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office and the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs Enforcement Bureau.

Lopez would examine patients, diagnose and prescribe medication. Lopez is charged with unlicensed practice of medicine, forgery, and distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance.

Unlicensed practice of medicine, Forgery and Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance are third degree offenses each carrying a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Jay W. McCann will be prosecuting the case. For further information, please contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor McCann at (973) 837-7616 or jmccann@passaiccountynj.org.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt