



# NEWS RELEASE

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## UNLICENSED DENTIST ARRESTED IN PATERSON

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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On Thursday, July 28, 2011, Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announced the arrest of Adolfo A. Silverio of Paterson, New Jersey. Silverio, age 58, was charged with practicing dentistry without a license and the unlicensed possession of a prescription legend drug. Silverio was practicing out of 305 East 32nd Street, Paterson, New Jersey, but was not licensed to practice dentistry by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry.

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

Silverio would examine patients, diagnose and perform dental procedures. He maintained a dental office at his residence including a dental chair, dental equipment and an x-ray machine.

"Patients who worked with unlicensed dentists have suffered horrific infections, broken teeth that were not fully extracted, and other complications resulting in hospitalization," said Thomas R. Calcagni, Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. "During the past two years, the Division of Consumer Affairs has worked with local law enforcement on the arrests of approximately 20 individuals who chose to put the public's health at risk by practicing dentistry or medicine without a license, or with a revoked or suspended license."

Unlicensed practice of dentistry and unlicensed possession of a prescription legend drug are third degree offenses each carrying a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

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