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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES ARREST OF DEKALB COUNTY REGISTERED NURSE FOR THEFT OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange announced the arrest yesterday of a former employee of a Collinsville area nursing home and senior care facility for theft of Hydrocodone. Lisa Renee Bishop, 25, of Leesburg turned herself into the DeKalb County Sheriff's office and was released on \$10,000 bond.

The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit presented evidence to a DeKalb County grand jury in December of 2015, resulting in an indictment* charging Bishop with second-degree theft of property. It is alleged that Bishop, a registered nurse (RN) at Collinsville Healthcare and Rehabilitation, misappropriated narcotic medications. A routine audit showed Bishop had administered narcotic pain medication at a much higher rate than other nurses and had failed to document actually administering the medication. Bishop was interviewed by the facility and by Special Agents of the Attorney General's Office. When confronted with this information she admitted to stealing between one and five pills. However, documentation showed that approximately ninety pills had been misappropriated.

Theft of property in the second degree is a class C felony with a possible sentence of a year and a day to ten years incarceration in the Alabama Department of Corrections. Because Hydrocodone is a controlled substance, the theft is automatically classified as second degree.

Attorney General Strange commended the staff and administration of Collinsville Healthcare and Rehabilitation, the Collinsville Police Department, and his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for the investigation of the case.

**An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*

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