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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Arrest of Fresno County employee**

**On February 13, 2007, members of the Fresno County Sheriff's Southwest Narcotics Team arrested 40 year old Cynthia Michelle Knott at the Fresno County Jail for narcotics and embezzlement charges.**

**The arrest culminated a three week investigation that started when information surfaced that Knott, a licensed vocational nurse employed by Fresno County Department of Community Health, was possibly stealing medication from the jail's pharmacy.**

**During the investigation, investigators purchased controlled substances from Knott on three separate occasions. The transactions all took place at Knott's residence located in the 1800 block of W. Shields Avenue in Fresno. As a result of the investigation, Knott was arrested without incident on February 13, 2007 at approximately 1700 hrs. for sales of a controlled substance, embezzlement, and dispensing and/or furnishing prescription medications.**

**After the arrest, a search warrant was served at Knott's home. Investigators located numerous bottles containing a variety of prescription pills including anti-psychotic medications, packaging containing methamphetamine residue, and packaging materials tying her directly to the jail pharmacy.**

**Knott had been assigned to the jail's infirmary for the past six months. Her duties included dispensing medication to the jail inmates.**

**Anyone with information concerning this investigation is asked to contact the Sheriff Department's Southwest Narcotics Team Hotline at 896-8827 or 1-800-660-1086.**