

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Theft of pain medications

September 6, 2011 (MINNEAPOLIS) – The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office has completed an investigation into allegations that a nurse had been stealing narcotic pain medications at the Hennepin County Medical Center while she was employed there.

Oxycodone, a schedule II controlled substance, was stolen on several occasions and the thefts involved medications that were prescribed to at least three different patients at HCMC in July of 2011. As a result of the Sheriff's Office investigation, 27-year-old Bobbie Lee Beck of Le Sueur, MN, has been formally charged by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office with three counts of felony theft of a controlled substance.

“Abuse of pain medication is a national epidemic and we are seeing an increase in cases of medication theft,” said Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek, “Medications have been stolen from homes, health care facilities, pharmacies, and elsewhere in recent months so I urge everyone to closely monitor supplies and report suspicious activity.”

According to the Criminal Complaint, Beck told officers that she used the oxycodone for her personal use.

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