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Dr. Stan Xuhui Li Sentenced for Manslaughter, Criminal Sale of Prescriptions and other Crimes

BRIDGET G. BRENNAN, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, BRIDGET G. BRENNAN, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, today issued the following statement on the sentencing of STAN XUHUI LI, a physician who specialized in pain management and anesthesiology, on 198 charges, including two counts of Manslaughter in the Second Degree and multiple counts of Criminal Sale of a Prescription for a Controlled Substance, Scheme to Defraud, Grand Larceny, Falsifying Business Records and Offering a False Instrument for Filing.

The sentences imposed today by Judge Michael Sonberg in Manhattan Supreme Court on all of these charges result in an effective minimum prison term of 10 2/3 years and an effective maximum of 20 years, followed by a term of post release supervision. Once Li has served his minimum term, and before the maximum term expires, the Parole Board will determine his release date.

LI was convicted at trial on July 18, 2014. The jury found that the doctor recklessly caused the deaths of two patients and recklessly endangered six, to whom he sold prescriptions for powerful narcotic painkillers and other controlled substances. LI was also convicted of selling prescriptions for controlled substances to a total of 20 patients, scheming to defraud insurance companies, and submitting altered records to the New York State Department of Health's medical oversight agency, the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC).

"This is a fair and just sentence given LI's egregious criminal conduct, motivated by greed, and the severity of the harm that he caused," said Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan. "We hope that the sentence will serve as a deterrent to other medical professionals who may be tempted to engage in similar criminal conduct. We also hope it will raise awareness among medical professionals and in the public at large of the dangers posed by these very powerful medications."

"We thank the families and the surviving patients for their cooperation during the course of the investigation and prosecution," Bridget G. Brennan said.

Bridget G. Brennan commended Assistant District Attorneys Charlotte Fishman and Peter Kougasian and Supervising Investigator Joseph Hall for their work on the case, along with members of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Prescription Drug Investigation Unit and all of the law enforcement agencies that partnered in the investigation.

The Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor thanks the following agencies for their participation: the Queens County District Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement for the New York State Department of Health, the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the New York City Police Department, the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, the New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General the Office of National Drug Control Policy: NY/NJ HIDTA, the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, New York Division, the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the New York City Bureau of Fraud Investigation's Prescription Drug Fraud Unit, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Hamilton Township Police Department, the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey.