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**DOI STATEMENT ON FEDERAL JURY CONVICTION OF DOCTOR IN  
OPIOID DIVERSION SCHEME**

DOI Commissioner Margaret Garnett said, "This conviction underscores the message that medical professionals who violate their oath to protect their patients and do no harm, who ignore care to make a profit, will be held accountable. In this case, this defendant trafficked in a highly addictive narcotics and his patients were the victims. DOI is proud to work with its federal and City law enforcement partners to uncover these crimes and thanks the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District for its successful prosecution."

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