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### **Former Pharmacy Employee Charged With Stealing & Illegally Selling Prescription Meds**

**York, PA** – In late September, 2018 York County Drug Task Force investigators developed information that Beth Ann Trout, age 47, of Red Lion was selling pharmaceutical drugs from her residence. Through the course of the investigation it was learned that Trout was an employee of Lion Pharmacy in Red Lion, and that the pills which she was selling were stolen from the inventory of Lion Pharmacy.

Investigators identified Kody Eugene Jackson, age 23, of Red Lion, as being a person who was purchasing Xanax pills from Trout. On October 1, 2018 Drug Task Force investigators arranged to purchase 100 Xanax pills from Jackson in the Red Lion area. During this transaction Jackson accepted cash from an undercover operative, explaining that he needed to meet with his source to acquire the pills. Jackson was followed to Trout's residence where she was observed by police meeting with Jackson. After the meeting Jackson returned to the undercover operative and transferred the Xanax pills.

On November 29, 2018 Drug Task Force investigators arrested Jackson at his residence. Subsequent to his arrest he identified his source for Xanax pills as Trout, and that he had acquired Xanax pills from her on previous occasions. Jackson stated that he sold those pills to other persons in the Red Lion area.

On December 4, 2018 investigators took Beth Trout into custody. She acknowledged that she was employed at Lion Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician and was responsible for ordering and overseeing the inventory of certain prescription pills. She acknowledged stealing Xanax pills from the pharmacy for the past 18 months and selling those pills to two people, Jackson and Erin Walkins, age 21, York.

Later on December 4, 2018 Walkins was arrested in Springettsbury Township after she arrived in a business parking lot with the intent of purchasing Xanax pills from Trout. Walkins admitted that she was involved in prescription pill distribution and would sell the Xanax pills she intended to purchase that day. At the time of her arrest Walkins had a quantity of Xanax on her person which she stated that she intended to sell to others.



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“At a time in which prescription drug abuse is widely prevalent, I applaud the work of our Drug Task Force for their work throughout this investigation and subsequent arrests”, said District Attorney Dave Sunday.

Trout was charged with one count of Delivery of a Controlled Substance and Criminal Conspiracy to Deliver a controlled substance. Jackson was charged with one count of Delivery of a Controlled Substance. Walkins was charged with one count of Possession with the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance and one count of Criminal Attempt to Possess with the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance.

***Criminal charges, and any discussion thereof, are merely allegations and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.***