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Media Release

## **Pharmacist Indicted for Theft and Possession of Prescription Drugs**

West Liberty, Ohio (Logan County) - On October 3, 2012, Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Director Kyle Parker announced that the Logan County Grand Jury indicted former Ohio licensed pharmacist Hubert W. Ridgway on six felony counts; Two counts of Theft of Drugs and four counts of Possession of Drugs.

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy began their investigation immediately after being notified by the West Liberty Police Department, of a search warrant conducted at Ridgway's home on March 2, 2012, which resulted in the seizure of numerous prescription drugs. On March 15, 2012, Ridgway admitted to Agents of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy that he was addicted to Valium and hydrocodone which he stole from various pharmacies where he worked in Logan, Montgomery and Champaign Counties.

During a formal adjudication hearing on June 12, 2012, the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy concluded that Ridgway's Ohio Pharmacist license be permanently revoked, which was effective on July 11, 2012. Ridgway was not present during the hearing, nor was he represented by counsel.

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy would like to thank the agencies for their support with this investigation; Chief Shane Oelker of the West Liberty Police Department and Logan County Prosecutor William T. Goslee.