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## **Doctor impersonator who scammed pharmacies scheduled for arraignment Tuesday**

A 25 year old Centereach man will be arraigned in Riverhead Tuesday on a grand jury indictment for fraudulently obtaining prescription drugs by impersonating doctors, dentists and other prescribers throughout western Suffolk County.

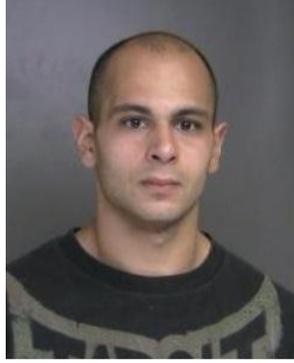
Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said a months-long investigation by the New York State Police and the district attorney's office established Matthew DelPesce illegally acquired oxycodone and other opiates from five pharmacies in April and May of this year. The pharmacies are located in Centereach, Port Jefferson Station (2), Commack, and Deer Park.

"We found ample evidence following the execution of a search warrant at the defendant's house that DelPesce frequented emergency rooms, the offices of immediate care physicians and others with one objective- to secure a prescription and the unique identifying physicians' credentials to prescribe controlled substances," District Attorney Spota said.

DelPesce of 1 Gaynor Road is currently incarcerated in the Suffolk County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 cash bail, charged with falsifying business records, possession of a forged instrument, and criminal impersonation.

State Supreme Court Justice William Condon (fourth floor of the courthouse) will unseal the indictment. The calendar will be called at 9:30 am.

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Defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.