



## Carteret County Sheriff's Office

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Pharmacy Tech Charged with Diverting Prescription Medication**

### **OTWAY**

Carteret County Drug Unit Detectives, with the assistance of the NC SBI and the NC Pharmacy Board, conducted an investigation into the embezzlement of controlled substances by an employee at the Express Care Pharmacy in Otway.

The investigation began following a report that bottles of 15mg Oxycodone pills were missing from November 2011 until the present. It is believed that 5 bottles, each containing 100 doses of Oxycodone, were stolen from the pharmacy.



Detectives charged Pharmacy Technician Paul Anthony Pinto, Jr., 30, of Marshallberg with Embezzlement of a Controlled Substance by Employee and Trafficking in Opium by Possession.

Pinto was arrested on 02-29-2012 and was released on a \$30,000 bond. Sheriff Buck stated "Here again is yet another example of one person diverting a significant amount of controlled medication. Luckily this activity was detected which prevented this individual from diverting any more medication."

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