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MEDICAL FRAUD

New York pharmacist allegedly hoards, sells overpriced masks

May 26, 2020, Albany, NY -- A licensed pharmacist in New York bought up thousands of rare N95 masks and sold them at much higher prices during the COVID-19 pandemic, federal authorities said Tuesday, announcing the arrest of Richard Schirripa, aka "the Mask Man," on charges that include violating the Defense...

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LIABILITY FRAUD

Three convicted in \$31.7M slip-and-fall ring in New York

May 26, 2020, Albany, NY -- In May of 2019, three defendants were convicted following a three-week trial in New York federal court, Southern District, in connection with a fraudulent scheme to concoct phony lawsuits. Thereafter, in January 2020, Geoffrey S. Berman, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New...

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MEDICAL FRAUD

Feds: Man lied to try to get \$20M in federal coronavirus aid

May 21, 2020, Albany, NY -- A man who tried to get \$20 million in federal aid for distressed businesses affected by the coronavirus created two bogus businesses and falsely claimed he was trying to procure COVID-19 tests and protective equipment in an official capacity for New York state, authorities said Thursday. Muge Ma,...

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DRUG DIVERSION

Buffalo med worker steals doc's ID for 166 pain scripts

May 21, 2020, Buffalo, NY -- A Buffalo woman who worked as an office manager for a Williamsville physician now admits she wrote more than a hundred opioid prescriptions for herself over a three-year period. Kristy Brucz, 34, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to obtaining a controlled substance by fraud. Prosecutors say...

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