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## Two Pain Clinics Searched in Raid by General Conway's Prescription Drug Diversion Task Force, DEA

Working in coordination with the DEA and local law enforcement, Attorney General Conway's statewide Prescription Drug Diversion Task Force executed four search warrants in Johnson County on February 16, 2011. Task force investigators searched Dr. Richard Albert's Pain Management Center, pictured below, and the Caremore Pain Center, both in Paintsville, as well as two residences as part of an ongoing undercover investigation into doctors who overprescribe pain medications.

Assisting the Attorney General's Prescription Drug Diversion Task Force were the DEA, Johnson County Sheriff's Department, as well as officers with the Paintsville and Prestonsburg police departments.

General Conway's Prescription Drug Diversion Task Force began investigating the clinics a year ago at the request of local authorities concerned about the growing abuse of prescription drugs in Johnson County.

General Conway created Kentucky's first and only statewide prescription drug diversion task force in 2009 to increase investigations into doctor shopping, overprescribing physicians, illegal out-of-state pharmacies and illegal prescription drug trafficking in Kentucky. The task force was among the agencies to participate in Operation Flamingo Road, the largest prescription drug bust in Kentucky's history.



*photo courtesy of Lexington Herald-Leader*

## Florida Governor's Plan to Eliminate Prescription Drug Tracking System Draws Fire

Attorney General Conway is among a growing number of Kentucky officials speaking out against Florida Governor Rick Scott's plan to cancel his state's electronic prescription drug tracking system.

"I am deeply concerned about Gov. Scott's proposal to eliminate the implementation of an electronic prescription drug tracking system at a time when prescription pills from his state are killing Kentuckians," General Conway said. "Electronic tracking systems, which are currently in place in 34 states, are essential to curbing the diversion of prescription pain pills. I will be helping coordinate efforts with my colleagues who serve on the National Association of Attorneys General prescription pill task force to contact states without electronic tracking about why systems should be immediately implemented."

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers are also urging Gov. Scott to reconsider. According to the DEA, Florida leads the nation in prescription drug misuse. State officials estimate that 60 percent of Kentucky's illegal prescription pills come from Florida.

General Conway's Prescription Drug Diversion Task Force is among the state agencies helping to cut-off the pill pipeline between Florida and Kentucky, as well as emerging pipelines between states like Georgia, Tennessee and Missouri. The task force participated in the largest drug round-up in Kentucky's history, resulting in felony arrest warrants for more than 500 people.



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## Attorney General Conway Takes Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Program to Eastern, Western Kentucky

### Regional event held in Northern Kentucky

Attorney General Jack Conway and his Keep Kentucky Kids Safe partners are taking their prescription drug abuse prevention efforts into schools in Eastern and Western Kentucky. General Conway will talk about the perils of prescription drug abuse with middle and high school students in Boyd, Bell, Christian, Davies, Warren and Floyd counties this spring.



“I appreciate all that General Conway is doing to help fight prescription drug abuse in Kentucky,” said Mike Donta, a Boyd County resident whose 24-year-old son died of a prescription drug overdose in 2010. “The loss of my son has devastated my family. Sadly, there are countless more families in Kentucky who have endured the same pain and suffering we have because of prescription pill abuse.”

Donta and other concerned parents will join General Conway for a Keep Kentucky Kids Safe presentation at Boyd County Middle School on March 24. The number of prescription drug overdose deaths jumped 42 percent in Boyd County last year.

On February 1, students, educators and counselors from across Northern Kentucky attended a regional prescription drug abuse prevention program co-hosted by General Conway and the Northern Kentucky Education Council.

“This is an ‘all hands on deck’ issue that requires a coordinated effort between law enforcement, educators, Kentucky teens and their parents,” said General Conway. “Working together, we can help stop the scourge of prescription drug abuse in Kentucky.”

The program allowed local educators and others to communicate with students about a serious issue affecting the health and safety of kids across Kentucky.

“Through education and prevention programs like this, we can open a dialogue with our students, educators and law enforcement to try to stop prescription drug abuse before it starts,” said Polly Page, Executive Director of the Northern Kentucky Education Council.

For more information on General Conway’s efforts to combat prescription drug abuse, visit <http://ag.ky.gov/rxabuse>.

## Attorney General Conway Joins Indiana Attorney General Zoeller in Friendly Food Drive Competition

Attorney General Conway and Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller are urging fellow attorneys to participate in the third annual “March Against Hunger” food drive competition. The annual event calls on law firms and lawyers in Indiana and in the Louisville-area to raise money and food donations to benefit 11 regional food banks. Generals Conway and Zoeller announced details of the food drive at a joint press conference at Louisville’s Dare to Care food bank on Mon. Feb. 28.

“Families in both Kentucky and Indiana are hurting during these trying economic times,” General Conway said. “I strongly encourage the legal community in the Louisville-area to do all it can to help re-stock the shelves of regional food banks that serve as a lifeline for many families and children.”

The competition among law offices to collect donations begins March 14 and ends March 31. Since 2009, more than 75 law firms have participated in “March Against Hunger,” collecting nearly 130 tons of food.





# CYBERCRIMES

## Former Florida Teacher Arrested in Attorney General's Cybercrimes Sting Operation

Investigators from Attorney General Conway's Cybercrimes Unit arrested a retired Florida elementary school teacher following an undercover investigation and sting operation. Fifty-eight-year-old Dale Chisena Sr., of Orange County, Fla., was arrested on Feb. 4 at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport as he allegedly prepared to meet a juvenile for sex.



Chisena, who is under indictment in Florida for possession of child pornography, was lodged in the Franklin County Detention Center on \$400,000 bond. He has entered a not guilty plea to four counts of unlawful use of electronic means to solicit a minor for prohibited activity (KRS 510.155), a Class D felony.

The Attorney General's Cybercrimes Investigators worked closely with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) as well as Blue Grass Airport Police as part of the sting operation. General Conway's Cybercrimes Unit and FDLE are both members of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

A charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

More Information: <http://goo.gl/GgbYN>

## Former Lexington Firefighter Receives 8-year Prison Term for Receiving Child Pornography

A former Lexington firefighter has been sentenced to eight years in prison for receiving thousands of child pornographic images. Thirty-eight-year-old Eric Bradley's sentencing in federal court was the result of an investigation by Attorney General Conway's Cybercrimes Unit.

"I appreciate the hard work of my Cybercrimes Unit and all of the agencies involved in this case," General Conway said. "Working together, we are putting a dent in the receipt and distribution of child pornographic images and making the Internet a safer place for Kentucky kids."

As part of an undercover investigation that began in October of 2008, an investigator with General Conway's Cybercrimes Unit identified a computer that contained child pornography located at the Lexington fire station. Bradley was contacted at the fire station and a brief review of his computer indicated that he had child pornography. A further examination of the computer found more than 7,000 images of child pornography and approximately 50 videos of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

**Since its creation in June 2008, General Conway's Cybercrimes Unit, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, has launched 190 investigations and seized more than 200,000 child pornographic images and videos from the Internet.**

## Three Indicted in Magoffin County Vote-buying Case

A federal grand jury in Ashland, Ky. has indicted three Magoffin County residents on vote-buying charges stemming from the 2010 general election. Fifty-four-year-old Randall Salyer, 43-year-old Patricia Trusty and 43-year-old Donald Trusty, all of Salyersville, are accused of paying several individuals for their votes in the November 2010 general election in Magoffin County. Salyer is charged with four counts of vote-buying. Donald Trusty is charged with two counts of vote-buying and his wife, Patricia, faces one count of vote-buying.

The indictments are the result of an investigation by General Conway's Department of Criminal Investigations and the FBI. The Attorney General's Office became aware of allegations of voter fraud in Magoffin County while patrolling precincts during the Nov. 2, 2010 general election. Investigators and attorneys from the Attorney General's Office conduct unannounced spot checks at random polling places across Kentucky each Election Day to look for possible election law violations.

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## Attorney General's Office Launches eWarrants in Eight More Kentucky Counties

The Electronic Warrant Management System (eWarrants) is up and running in eight more of Kentucky's rural counties under a \$3.9 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant awarded to the Office of the Attorney General in 2009. The system was successfully launched in this month in the 43rd, 29th, 7th and 49th judicial circuits representing Barren, Metcalfe, Adair, Casey, Logan, Todd, Allen and Simpson counties. This brings to 31 the number of counties that have received the eWarrant system under the ARRA grant.

"Implementation of the eWarrants system in Kentucky's rural counties is an important step forward in giving law enforcement agencies modern, 21st century tools to fight crime," said General Conway.

Working with local officials in the 43rd, 29th, 7th and 49th judicial circuits, the Office of the Attorney General, in partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the Kentucky State Police, the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and Open Portal Solutions, Inc., provided training and support for the new system.

The eWarrant system facilitates the sharing of information among all law enforcement concerning active warrants in jurisdictions throughout the Commonwealth. It replaces the manual protocols for processing warrant information with an electronic method for making warrants available via the Law Enforcement Information Network of Kentucky (LINK), the system administered by Kentucky State Police and used by law enforcement to transmit and retrieve information on active warrants.

