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New Albany Nurse Charged with Illegally Obtaining Patient's Drugs

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Jackson, MS- A Tippah County nurse is facing charges for illegally obtaining a controlled substance, announced Attorney General Jim Hood today.

Renee Arleen Frain, age 30, of New Albany, turned herself in to investigators with the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the Tippah County Sheriff's Office today following indictment by the Tippah County Grand Jury on one count of obtaining a controlled substance by means of fraud, misrepresentation, or subterfuge. The indictment alleges that Frain, who was employed as a registered nurse at Rest Haven Health and Rehabilitation in Ripley, took 16 tablets of hydrocodone which had been prescribed for two patients at the facility, and converted them to her own use.

Frain was booked into the Tippah County jail and released on a \$20,000.00 bond. If convicted, she faces up to five years behind bars. As with all cases, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The case is being investigated by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit with assistance from the Ripley Police Department.

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