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On Thursday, February 12, 2009, a pharmacist at the Sloan's Norlanco Pharmacy in Mount Joy Township received a telephone call for a prescription medication order. The caller identified herself as a nurse from a local family medical practitioner's office. She was calling in a prescription order for a pharmaceutical product to be picked up at the pharmacy.

The pharmacist, with extensive experience in the retail pharmaceutical business, became suspicious due to inaccurate terminology that was used by the alleged nurse. Practicing due diligence, he decided to call the family medical practitioner office to verify the order. On checking, he learned that the caller did not work for the medical practice and the medication was not prescribed by that office. In addition, they did not have a record of treating a patient by the name given by the caller.

The pharmacist learned that the fraudulent caller had been attempting the same scheme at other local area pharmacies. He immediately called the Northwest Regional Police and advised them of his findings. He was instructed to call the police department when somebody came to the pharmacy to pick up the medication. Shortly after 9:00 AM on Monday, February 16, 2009, a Barbara L. Bowers came to the pharmacy to pick up the medication.

While Bowers was waiting for the medication, the pharmacist called the Northwest Regional Police. It appeared, due to a delay in filling the prescription order, Ms. Bowers became apprehensive and left the store. As the police were arriving at the pharmacy, Ms. Bowers drove away. Barbara L. Bowers was stopped on Route #283 by the Northwest Regional Police.

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A subsequent investigation determined that Barbara L. Bowers F/41 YOA of Hummelstown, PA had fraudulently attempted to procure the controlled substances. She is currently awaiting court action in Dauphin County for similar offenses. As a result of the investigation, Barbara Bowers is being charged with Procurement of Drugs by Fraud. A summons has been requested to be sent to Bowers.

The investigation is continuing into other previous attempts by Bowers to fraudulently obtain controlled substances.

