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Pharmacy armed robber sentenced to 70 months in prison

Following a three day jury trial, Jared Nicholas Ray Verardo was convicted of Robbery in the Second Degree. The conviction stems from events on March 25, 2010, at the Walgreens Pharmacy in Lincoln City. Verardo robbed the pharmacy of half a bottle of Oxycontin - just over \$800 worth of pills.

The case was prosecuted by Lincoln County Deputy District Attorney Michelle Branam. On March 1, 2011, Verardo was sentenced by Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Sheryl Bachart to 70 months in prison.

“For young people suffering from addiction, who might think it’s easy to rob a pharmacy, there are serious consequences,” said Branam. “There is a big price to pay for robbing a pharmacy. Five years and ten months in this case.”

Prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing illicit drug abuse problem in Oregon and our Nation, especially among young persons. “We are continuing our work in the areas of prevention, enforcement, and treatment in an ongoing effort to address this growing problem,” said District Attorney Rob Bovett, “but we will prosecute armed robbery to the fullest extent of the law.”

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