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N.J. medical professional is indicted for allegedly selling prescription drugs, doctoring records

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TINTON FALLS — A Monmouth County grand jury today charged a medical professional with selling prescription painkillers and doctoring medical records.

The five-count indictment charged Barry Ray, a former cardiac anesthesiologist for Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, with conspiracy, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of hollow-point bullets and two counts of falsification of records.

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Ray, 36, of Tinton Falls, was arrested Aug. 27, after arranging to sell oxycodone to an undercover investigator, according to the complaint.

The undercover detective met with Ray three times last summer at a restaurant in Tinton Falls where they devised a plan to distribute the pills, said Monmouth County

Prosecutor Peter Warshaw Jr.

Warshaw said the two agreed on a fee to be paid to Ray based on how many pills the investigator sold. Eventually Ray received more than \$1,000 for the purported sales, Warshaw said.

When Ray was arrested, detectives found at his home a small quantity of cocaine and Roxycodone and Xanax pills. They also retrieved hollow-point bullets, which are illegal, Warshaw said. He said Ray conspired with three unindicted co-conspirators between Sept. 20, 2005 and Aug. 27, 2010. Ray is accused of destroying or altering medical records of the undercover investigator and one of the co-conspirators.

After the arrest, Superior Court Judge Richard English in Freehold had set bail at \$100,000, which Ray posted later that day. Jersey Shore suspended Ray's privileges to practice there and the state Board of Medical Examiners suspended his license to practice in New Jersey. If convicted of the most serious charge of conspiracy, Ray faces up to five years in prison. The other charges carry prison terms of up to 18 months for convictions.

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