

U.S. Attorney Anderson: Former VA police officer sentenced for possessing a controlled substance

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MADISON, WIS. — Jeffrey M. Anderson, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that David Walters, 37, Madison, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen L. Crocker to a two-year term of probation for possession of a controlled substance. Walters pleaded guilty to this charge on January 5, 2017.

While employed as a lieutenant with the Department of Veterans Affairs Police Department in Madison, Walters served as an evidence custodian, which included access to the VA's medical collection receptacle, which is used by members of the public to dispose of unwanted medications. Between January and May 2016, Walters accessed the medical collection receptacle and removed controlled substances, including OxyContin and hydrocodone, for his own personal use.

In addition, during the same timeframe, Walters removed four OxyContin pills from the VA Police Department's evidence room and replaced them with similar looking pills.

The charge against Walters was a result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General and the Department of Veterans Affairs Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron Wegner.