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## **Mississippi Couple Plead Guilty To Receiving \$1.7 Million in Health Care Kickback Scheme**

**NEW ORLEANS** – U.S. Attorney Peter G. Strasser announced that a Mississippi couple, **KIMBERLY HOMRIGHAUSEN**, age 42, and **RICHARD HOMRIGHAUSEN**, age 36, pleaded guilty on May 2, 2019, to conspiracy to pay and receive kickbacks related to compounded medications paid for by TRICARE, a federally funded health care benefit program that serves United States military personnel and their families.

The defendants admitted to paying kickbacks to TRICARE beneficiaries to induce them to obtain compounded medications, costing TRICARE a total of approximately \$9 million. The defendants received a total of about \$1.7 million in kickbacks for referring the beneficiaries.

At sentencing, which is set for August 8, 2019, each defendant faces up to five years' imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Strasser praised the work of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Department of Homeland Security - Homeland Security Investigations, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Service - Office of Inspector General, and the Department of Veterans Affairs - Office of Inspector General in investigating this matter. Assistant United States Attorney Chandra Menon is in charge of the prosecution.

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