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MAN ARRESTED FOR FAKE PRESCRIPTIONS

On Thursday, May 3, 2018, Trumbull Police arrested a New York man after he used a forged prescription to obtain narcotic medication. The man, Michael Perez, 20, of Bronx NY, was taken into custody at the Stop & Shop pharmacy on Quality Street.

Perez had called in the medication to the Stop & Shop pharmacy using a local doctor's name and DEA number, which is needed to fill prescribed narcotics. The pharmacist became suspicious while talking with Perez and contacted the doctor's office to verify the medication. They informed her that the prescription was false, and the doctor's information had been compromised several weeks ago. The pharmacist arranged to notify Trumbull police when Perez arrived to pick up the prescription.

During this time, Perez had gone to Trumbull Pharmacy, located on Broadway Rd., where he attempted to fill a similar prescription there. Trumbull Pharmacy staff became suspicious and contacted Trumbull Police. Perez left the store, but the staff was able to give a license plate number and description of the vehicle involved. Responding officers saw the vehicle traveling southerly on Main St. and followed it to Stop & Shop. When Perez attempted to pick up the prescription there, he was taken into custody. Perez also had in his possession a prescription narcotic that was falsely filled earlier in the day by Medical Arts Pharmacy on Corporate Dr., also in Trumbull.

Perez was charged with Obtaining Controlled Drugs by Forging a Prescription and two counts of Criminal Attempt to Obtain Controlled Drugs by Forging a Prescription. He was held on a \$10,000.00 bond and is scheduled to appear in court on May 11, 2018.

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