

# **CHATHAM-SAVANNAH COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM**

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## **Press Release**

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### **CNT Arrests Nurse for Stealing Medication**

SAVANNAH, Georgia (April 23, 2019): A registered nurse is in custody after an investigation found she was stealing medication while on-duty.

Earlier today, the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team (CNT) arrested 34-year-old Katherine Alvarado-Torres, a registered nurse, at Memorial Medical Center (MMC) in Savannah. Alvarado-Torres was employed as a nurse at MMC at the time of her arrest. Alvarado-Torres was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Percocet) with Intent to Distribute and Theft by Taking. Alvarado-Torres is currently being held at the Chatham County Detention Center.

CNT's investigation into Alvarado-Torres began early this morning after CNT was contacted by MMC's security. MMC security informed CNT of an internal investigation involving a current patient missing prescription pain medication. During the joint CNT and MMC investigation, it was determined Alvarado-Torres stole a small number of prescription pain medication from a current patient. The thefts occurred on two separate incidents in which the medication was replaced with a counterfeit substance. The investigation also determined this is likely an isolated incident and that Alvarado-Torres was giving the pills to a person known to Alvarado-Torres.

This is an on-going investigation and additional charges and arrests are possible.

CNT would like to thank MMC security for their partnership and credit their quick action which greatly aided in the investigation.

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