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### **FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL NURSE INDICTED FOR TAKING STUDENTS' MEDICATIONS FOR HERSELF**

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA – Today Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano announced the indictment of a former Fairfax County school nurse for allegedly stealing student prescriptions then substituting them for over-the-counter medications.

Jennifer Carpenter was indicted by a Fairfax County grand jury on two counts of possession of Schedule I or II drugs, one count of obtaining drugs by forgery, one count of adulterated or misbranded drugs, and seven counts of contributing to the delinquency or abuse of a child.

"It is a gross breach of trust and safety when something like this happens, and we are committed to acting swiftly to ensure our children are protected," Descano said. "This situation could have easily evolved into a medical emergency for any of the children affected."

Carpenter allegedly took medications prescribed to children by their doctor and used them for herself over a five-month period.

"Parents and their children depended on and trusted this individual to provide necessary medical care. As always, we will seek accountability and a path forward for the victims and their families to heal," Descano said.

Carpenter was scheduled to appear in Fairfax County Criminal Court Thursday, July 21, 2022. Being convicted of all charges carries a potential sentence of three to 32.5 years in prison, depending on a defendant's criminal history, and up to \$25,000 in fines.

*Note: A criminal indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*

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