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## Counterfeit Drug Incidents With Psychiatric Medication

**Counterfeit Adderall For Sale on Internet in US:** In May 2012, The [U.S. FDA sent out a public warning](#)<sup>1</sup> that counterfeit versions of the anti-ADD medication Adderall were being offered for sale on the Internet. Instead of containing the active ingredients found in genuine Adderall, the counterfeits were made up of a dangerous pain killer called Tramadol, along with acetaminophen. [Tramadol](#)<sup>2</sup> is used to treat acute pain, and can have dangerous side effects, such as seizures and hallucinations.

**Psychiatric Medicine Cargo Theft. Stolen Adderall and Carbatrol:** In 2008, [a shipment of the psychiatric medications](#)<sup>3</sup>, Adderall (used to treat ADD) and Carbatrol (a seizure medication) were stolen in North Carolina. 2 years later, lots from the stolen shipment began appearing on the market and turning up in returns of expired drugs. Authorities have no idea under what conditions the stolen and expired medication had been stored under. Medication can deteriorate or become toxic if [not stored and handled correctly](#)<sup>4</sup>.

**North Dakota Psychiatrist Pleads Guilty to Acting As Rubber-Stamp Doctor for Fake Online Pharmacy Purchases:** While working as a psychiatrist at a North Forks psychiatric facility, [Dr. Enrique Rivera Mass](#)<sup>5</sup> was making extra money approving prescriptions for online pharmacy customers sight unseen. He signed off on more than 1.8 million prescriptions drugs to treat weight-loss, anxiety, smoking cessation, and other ailments. The fake Internet pharmacies were operated out of Puerto Rico. The drugs the fake pharmacy shipped were at no time verified as authentic by the FDA.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.safemedicines.org/2012/05/fda-warns-about-counterfeit-version-of-tevas-adderall.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginfo/meds/a695011.html#side-effects>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.safemedicines.org/2010/08/stolen-carbatrol-and-adderall-xr-check-lot-numbers.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/Manufacturing/ucm252324.htm#1>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.safemedicines.org/2010/11/doctor-pleads-guilty-in-online-prescription-fraud-case-loses-license-21.html>