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“Altered Prescription Leads to Narcotics Bust”

On July 17, 2014, at 1:28 pm, the Coalinga Police Department received information from the local Rite Aid Pharmacy of a person who had brought in a suspected forged prescription for Xanax medication.

The investigation revealed that 22 year old Coalinga resident Daniel Vinson, had forged and passed a fictitious prescription for the drug at the local Rite Aid minutes earlier. Confirmation of the forged document was done with medical staff at Coalinga Regional Medical Center, where it was learned that Vinson had altered the prescription, by “chemically washing” the document of its original information. Vinson then altered the washed document to reflect that Xanax had been prescribed. Vinson then forged a medical doctor’s signature on the prescription.

A buy bust operation was set up with undercover Coalinga Police Narcotics Detectives inside of the pharmacy at Rite Aid. Within minutes of setting up the operation, Vinson arrived and retrieved the Xanax medication. He was subsequently taken into custody.

Vinson faces felony charges of altering a prescription for narcotics, forgery, possession of a controlled substance and commercial burglary.

The Coalinga Police Department would like to thank Rite Aid and Coalinga Regional Medical Center staff for their diligence and assistance in this investigation.

“All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law”

