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Drug Raid at Boeing Factory After Five-Year Investigation**36 BOEING EMPLOYEES ARRESTED
FOR DISTRIBUTING OR PURCHASING
ILLEGAL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

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A long-term investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has uncovered the widespread illegal transfer of prescription drugs at the Ridley Park, Pennsylvania Boeing Plant that produces U.S. military aircraft. The plant was raided on Thursday, September 29, 2011 and 37 people were arrested on charges of selling or buying prescription drugs. Most of the people arrested worked in the production area of the plant.

Of the 37 arrested, 36 were either current or former Boeing employees with one suspect being neither. Twenty-three suspects have already been indicted on illegally distributing prescription drugs for selling a controlled substance to an FBI cooperator. Fourteen defendants are being charged with a misdemeanor for purchasing a controlled substance from an FBI cooperator. The controlled substance was in fact a placebo.

The prescription drugs being distributed were fentanyl (Actiq – narcotic used to control cancer pain), oxycodone (Oxycontin – is a narcotic pain reliever similar to morphine), alprazolam (Xanax – used to treat anxiety and panic disorders) and buprenorphine (Suboxone – used to treat opiate addiction).

The raid comes after a four-year FBI and DEA investigation. The agencies were informed of the illegal activity after an internal Boeing investigation. Boeing's investigation, which began in May 2006, started when concerned employees reported via an ethics hotline of suspected drug activity at the plant. Boeing shared its' findings and suspects with the federal agencies in 2007.

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