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14 Indicted in Fungal Meningitis Outbreak

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On December 17, 2014, the Department of Justice announced that 14 individuals connected with Massachusetts-based New England Compounding Center (NECC) had been indicted in connection with a 2012 nationwide fungal meningitis outbreak. Among those indicted were NECC's owner and head pharmacist, Barry Cadden and its supervisory pharmacist, Glenn Chin, who were charged with 25 acts of second-degree murder.

Dietary Supplement Company Owner Pleads Guilty to Scheme to Sell Adulterated Products

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The owner and president of a New Jersey dietary supplement manufacturing company Barry Steinlight, agreed on December 18, 2014 to plead guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud in a scheme to sell diluted and adulterated dietary ingredients and supplements sold by his company, Raw Deal Inc. Acting Assistant Attorney General Joyce R. Branda said that the "case demonstrates the Department of Justice's commitment to ensuring that those who deal products affecting the health and safety of consumers are law abiding and that wrongdoers will be held accountable."