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Student accused of UHS theft

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David J. Bach, a UMass student, was charged with allegedly stealing Adderall pills from the University Health Services pharmacy, where he worked as a clerk, and replacing the pills with Ibuprofen becore their distribution to patients.
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The University of Massachusetts Police Department (UMPD) has charged a student worker for allegedly stealing Adderall, a controlled substance, from the pharmacy at University Health Services (UHS).

David J. Bach, 19, of 13 Bach Lane in South Hadley, pleaded innocent Friday at his arraignment and is due back in court for a pre-trial hearing on Oct. 30, according to the Eastern Hampshire District Court clerk's office.

Police suspect Bach, a biochemistry and molecular biology major, of substituting the prescriptions with over the counter ibuprofen pills while working as a clerk at the pharmacy, according to a statement from Ed Blaguszewski, director of the University's Office of News and Information.

Pharmacy staff is contacting individuals who filled these kinds of prescriptions between Sept. 2 and Oct. 2 to verify contents, Blaguszewski said.

"Patients regularly taking medications are typically accustomed to the appearance of their pills and are likely to question those which appear different," Blaguszewski said. "UHS medical experts also noted that adverse effects from consuming the substituted remedies are unlikely."

An anonymous UMass junior from the College of Engineering, noticed the pills he received on Sept. 10 from UHS looked different from the Adderall he received in the past.

The student said he wished to remain anonymous because medical records are a confidential matter.

He said he noticed the pills were round instead of elliptical and blue instead of brown when he had the prescription filled, but did not give it much thought because he still had pills left from his last bottle.

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