



Food and Drug Administration  
OFFICE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS  
MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

CASE NUMBER: 2005-MWM-715-0153-J  
CASE TITLE: ALBERT POET  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99918  
PERSON INTERVIEWED: Theresa Mc [REDACTED]  
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Camden County, New Jersey  
DATE OF INTERVIEW: 08/10/2006  
TIME OF INTERVIEW: 6:30 p.m.  
INTERVIEWED BY: Marc Hess, Special Agent

**OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:**

Theresa Mc [REDACTED] was telephonically contacted. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, McCormick provided the following information.

Mc [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Beechwood, New Jersey (NJ), 08722, 732, [REDACTED]

Mc [REDACTED] first learned of the medical practice of Dr. Albert Poet at Manahawkin, NJ when she conducted an internet search concerning laser surgery. M [REDACTED] received laser surgery from Poet and then asked him about the possibility of receiving Botox treatments as a way to maintain the effect of the laser surgery. Mc [REDACTED] did not recall how she learned that Poet offered Botox treatments. Poet confirmed that he did offer Botox. He then discussed Botox treatments with Mc [REDACTED] including the following topics: side effects; possible results of treatments; limits of the effectiveness of the treatments; that Botox was safe and approved for use; and, that Botox was actually a poison which numbs muscles.

Mc [REDACTED] did not receive any Botulinum Toxin (BT) type treatment from any other doctor.

Mc [REDACTED] began to receive Botox treatments in 2002 and received approximately 4 or 5 treatments.

Poet administered the treatments at his practice in Manahawkin, NJ. Different females, apparently nurses, were usually present for treatments.

Mc [REDACTED] generally paid \$500 to \$600 per treatment. She believed that patients paid by the quantity of Botox they would receive and could choose which part of the body to have injected with a certain amount of Botox.

Mc [REDACTED] did sign a consent form for the treatments. The form provided information including the fact that the patient would be treated with a poison and could experience side effects. Poet read the form aloud and asked Mc [REDACTED] whether she had questions or concerns.

Mc [REDACTED] did not notice any adverse side effects from the Botox treatments.

Mc [REDACTED] believed that she was receiving Botox from Dr. Poet because it was what she requested from him

and discussed with him.

If Mc [REDACTED] had been advised that, rather than being treated with genuine Botox, she would be treated with an item which cost Poet half the price of Botox, was not approved by the FDA and was marked "not for human use" and "for research only" she would have questioned the safety of the product and asked for further information. She is not sure whether she would have accepted it but would have expected Poet to have done a significant amount of research before he told her that it was safe.

The cost of Botox treatments from Poet increased after he added tax costs.

Mc [REDACTED] advised that her experience of Poet as a physician was that he was straight-forward and answered questions. He never pushed any treatment to her. Mc [REDACTED] felt comfortable with Poet and had "absolute trust" in him. Poet gave Mc [REDACTED] a lot of attention after her surgery. Mc [REDACTED] indicated that she believed he is an excellent doctor and would refer other patients to him. McCormick was concerned to learn of this investigation and indicated that she needs and wants more facts concerning the investigation.

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**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kim A. Rice, Special Agent in Charge

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