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Sarasota detective arrested in 'doctor shopping' case

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A veteran Sarasota County Sheriff's detective surrendered to authorities this morning on charges that he lied to doctors and obtained nearly 400 painkillers illegally earlier this year.

Sgt. Chris Hallisey, a longtime homicide investigator and one of the lead detectives in the Carlie Brucia murder case, was booked about 11:30 a.m. on three felony counts of withholding information from a practitioner. He was released on a \$360 bond.

His supervisors started an investigation March 17, speaking with four local doctors who reportedly provided him with oxycodone.

Hallisey, 40, signed affidavits with the physicians — Drs. Lynn Fassy, Virind Gupta, John Choy and Fabian Ramos — saying that he would not visit another doctor for painkillers. But authorities say Hallisey did just that.

Hallisey, hired as a jail staffer in July 1990, was placed on paid administrative leave last week.