

Ex-Johnson & Johnson Unit Execs Guilty of Misdemeanors, Avoid Felony Convictions

Two former executives of Acclarent Inc, a medical device company bought by Johnson & Johnson in 2010, were convicted on Wednesday by a U.S. jury on charges of promoting a product for an unapproved use, **Reuters is reporting**.

Prosecutors said former Acclarent Chief Executive William Facticeau and former Vice President of Sales Patrick Fabian were found guilty in federal court in Boston of 10 misdemeanor counts of violating the U.S. Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The counts each carry a maximum prison sentence of one year.

But the jury acquitted the two defendants of felony charges of wire fraud and conspiracy, finding they did not act with intent to defraud or mislead.

“In an indictment unsealed last April, federal prosecutors said that beginning in 2006 or earlier, Facticeau, 47, and Fabian, 49, promoted Acclarent’s Relieva Stratus Microflow Spacer device to deliver steroid medications to patients’ sinuses, though it was only approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for keeping sinuses open,” reports **Brendan Pierson** for Reuters.

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