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Counterfeit Viagra - Reading man appearing at Isleworth Crown Court

Mohammed Bhatti (41) of 79 Lodden Bridge Road, Woodley, Reading, will be appearing at Isleworth Crown Court on Friday 3 June 2005 at 2:00pm for a Plea and Directions Hearing.

Mr Bhatti was charged on 10 February 2003 after being investigated by officers from the Enforcement Unit of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the police. He was charged with one count under the Trade Marks Act 1994 and one count under the Medicines Act 1968 for selling counterfeit Viagra tablets.

Consumers, who are concerned, as to whether or not a particular drug is bonafide, can contact the MHRA on 020 7084 2000.

The main aim of the MHRA is to safeguard public health by: ensuring that medicines for human use, sold or supplied in the UK, are of an acceptable standard of safety, quality and efficacy and ensuring that medical devices meet appropriate standards of safety.

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