Justice department cracking down on self-regulated nutritional supplements industry

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USPlabs, which made the workout supplement Jack3d, and six of its executives face criminal charges for the unlawful sale of the nutritional supplement, the U.S. Justice Department said in announcing a larger probe by multiple federal agencies aimed at stemming the sale of unproven nutritional supplements.

The indictment says that USPlabs used a synthetic stimulant manufactured in China to make Jack3d and OxyElite Pro but told retailers that the supplements were made from plant extracts.

"The defendants knew of studies that linked the products to liver toxicity," the department said in a press statement.

News of the impending press conference earlier sent share prices of GNC Holdings Inc, Vitamin Shoppe and Herbalife Ltd lower. But those companies were not named in the subsequent announcement and all recovered to close down slightly.

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