

2 Astros ' Tejada expected to plead guilty to lying - CNN.com .
1 -LRB- CNN -RRB- -- Houston Astros shortstop Miguel Tejada is expected to plead guilty Wednesday in federal court to a count of lying to Congress about his knowledge of Major League Baseball players using performance-enhancing drugs , according to officials familiar with the case .

3 In a document filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia , Tejada is charged in a criminal ` information , ' a document that routinely signals a plea bargain agreement .
3 The document does not directly accuse Tejada of using steroids or other substances .

2 However , the court document says that in 2003 Tejada gave another player more than \$ 5,000 in checks ` for substances which he believed to be HGH -LRB- human growth hormone -RRB- . '

1 The document says Tejada lied to congressional investigators when he told them on August 26 , 2005 , that he had never heard discussions about steroids by other players , and that he never knew of any other player using steroids .

3 After the December 2007 Mitchell Report on steroid use in baseball , which appeared to contradict Tejada , the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform asked the Justice Department to investigate whether Tejada ` made knowingly false statements to the committee . '
2 The investigators concluded he had lied .

1 ` Defendant Tejada unlawfully withheld pertinent information from the committee because defendant Tejada before and during his interview with the committee staff , then and there well knew that Player # 1 -LRB- unidentified -RRB- , one of his teammates on the Oakland Athletics , had used steroids and HGH , ' the document says .

3 Tejada played for the Athletics from 1997 to 2003 .

3 He is scheduled to appear at 11 a.m. Wednesday before a magistrate judge , indicating the charge against him will be a misdemeanor carrying a maximum sentence of a year in jail .

3 However , a government official familiar with the case said that under sentencing guidelines , Tejada could get from zero to 6 months , which means he may receive probation without jail time .

3 Tejada , who started his MLB career in 1997 , hit at least 30 home runs from 2000 through 2004 with the exception of 2003 , when he hit 27 .

3 He won the American League 's most valuable player award in 2002 , when he hit a career-best 34 home runs .

3 He matched that total in 2004 , his first year with the Baltimore

Orioles .

3 He began playing with Houston in 2008 .

3 The information came one day after MLB star Alex Rodriguez -- the New York Yankees ' third baseman since 2004 -- admitted that he had used a ` banned substance ' during the 2001-2003 seasons .

3 Sports Illustrated had reported that Rodriguez had tested positive for steroids in 2003 , when he was playing for the Texas Rangers .