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Doctor Is Charged With AIDS Fraud

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A Hudson County physician concealed a positive **AIDS** test for an immigrant seeking residency status in exchange for \$3,000, the government **charged** yesterday.

The **doctor**, Monir A. Dawoud, told the unidentified immigrant he would be deported if medical tests required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service showed the positive test result, a Federal complaint said.

The complaint was unsealed at a bail hearing for Dr. Monir A. Dawoud, 49 years old, of Jersey City. U.S. Magistrate Stanley R. Chesler set bail at \$50,000 and freed Mr. Dawoud until the end of business Monday, the deadline for the **doctor** to produce backing for the bail.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin McKenna had asked for \$500,000 bail. Mr. Dawoud was **charged** with making a false statement to the government, and faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

Mr. Dawoud's lawyer, Vincent Verdiramo, said his client was innocent and declined to comment further. (AP)

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