HIV Status of Michigan County Suspect Unconfirmed

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The status of a Michigan man charged with two felony counts in Kent County of failing to disclose his HIV-positive status to sexual partners actually remains unknown, The American Independent reports. In December 2011, a 51-year-old man turned himself in at the Grand Rapids Police Department allegedly saying he had attempted to infect hundreds of people with HIV; subsequently he was charged with two felony counts. However, the Independent cannot confirm that the man has ever tested positive for HIV. Michigan law stipulates that labs and doctors report positive test results to the state and local health departments, but based on what those departments have told the Independent no such records exist. And the man's sexual partner who did test positive never alerted the man, which would have been required by law. Both a Kent County spokesperson and the suspect's defense attorney declined to comment.

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