Idaho Man Once Again Charged for Knowingly Spreading HIV

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Kerry Thomas, who was the first person convicted in Idaho for knowingly spreading HIV nearly two decades ago, is now facing new charges for the same offense, CNN reports.

On March 10, an Ada County, Idaho, grand jury returned an indictment charging Thomas, 45, with seven counts of knowingly transferring HIV. In 1990, he was charged with four counts of HIV transmission and two counts of statutory rape. According to the article, Thomas received a 12-year sentence and had to serve three years before being eligible for parole. He was later granted early release. In 1996, following his release, he was charged with one count of HIV transmission, receiving a 15-year sentence with a seven-year minimum.

Ada County deputy prosecutor Jean Fisher told CNN that Thomas, now out on parole, faces life in prison for these new charges, with prosecutors seeking to designate him as a repeat offender.

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