No Charges Filed Against Detroit Woman for Online HIV Hoax

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A Detroit woman who posted a video clip in which she claimed to have intentionally transmitted HIV to 500 people told police the clip was a hoax, The Associated Press (AP) reports. No charges have been filed.

“We don’t see anything at this point under state law that would allow us to press charges, but we are researching,” police spokesperson John Roach said January 15.

The woman identified herself as 23-year-old Jackie Braxton. She submitted to an HIV test after being approached by police. The results came back negative.

Braxton told *The Detroit News* she made the video and posted it on mediatakeout.com because she “wanted to raise awareness about AIDS.”

On one level, her strategy appeared successful: Detroit health department spokesperson Michael McElrath told the AP the number of walk-ins for HIV testing more than doubled in the city after local media outlets picked up the story.

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