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Taking a Bite out of Crime

On September 25, a Minnesota newspaper published the mug shot and HIV positive status of a burglar as the front page top story. The burglary suspect was an 18 year old male. The headline read, "HIV—one more risk on the job cops face daily." The controversy is that once the suspect was apprehended, he was bitten by a police dog, and bled. Although, it was a recognized cause for concern, standard procedures were followed and the officers were tested. None of the officers involved in the incident were infected.

This begs the question, was it a violation of this criminals medical privacy? Law enforcement often releases the name of suspects, but what was the purpose of the release of his HIV status? The suspect may face criminal charges for burglary, but the Minnesota press could face legal issues because of the involuntary disclosure of his status.

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Know Your Rights!

For those living with HIV or otherwise affected by it, the following rights should be protected:

- **Non-discrimination and equality before the law** : right not to be mistreated on the basis of health status, i.e. HIV status
- **Right to health** : right not to be denied health care/ treatment on the basis of HIV status
- **Right to liberty and security of person** : right not to be arrested and imprisoned on the basis of HIV status
- **Right to marry and found a family** , regardless of HIV status
- **Right to education** : right not to be thrown out of school on the basis of HIV status
- **Right to work** : right not to be fired on the basis of HIV status
- **Right to social security, assistance and welfare** : right not to be denied these benefits on the basis of HIV status



Travel Ban Possibly Lifted

Since 1987, a travel ban that has prevented HIV positive individuals from entering the United States. However, individuals who live in the United States are still permitted to leave the United States and enter other countries. Approximately 200 organizations, including the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, and the American Public Health Association oppose the ban. The U.S has not been able to host the International Conference on AIDS due to the ban. According to a memo by the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service, the HIV travel ban may be lifted this year. The Customs and Immigration memo instructed officers to hold off on green card denials that were solely based on HIV status. Congress tried to lift the ban last summer but was unsuccessful in putting it into action before the Bush Administration left office.

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National Latino AIDS Awareness Day



Students check out the resource tables during the NLAAD event held on the UC Paseo.

Every year October 15th marks the recognition of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD). This year is the seventh annual commemoration of the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day at UTSA in recognition of the Hispanic Heritage Month.

The goal of NLAAD is to emphasize the importance of HIV testing and prevention education in eliminating the spread of the infection among Hispanics/Latinos.

Community organizations collaborate and tailor specific activities to meet the individual needs of the community. NLAAD is the only nationwide campaign that focuses solely on the education about HIV/AIDS among Latino/Hispanics communities in the United States. According to the CDC, although the Hispanic/Latino community contributes to 15 percent of the total population within the U.S., 17 percent of new HIV infections are represented by Hispanic/Latinos.

Moreover, according to the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, 223 HIV cases and 226 AIDS cases were reported within the county in 2007, over half from Hispanics/Latinos.

- Rapid HIV Testing can get results in about 20 minutes
- Most Hispanic women (70%) living with HIV/AIDS were infected through Heterosexual contact
- 24% of men were infected through drug use

For more information visit <http://www.nlaad.org>



Resource of the Month

San Antonio Metro Health

The STD and HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Program provides evaluation and diagnosis of STD infections and treatment for most of them. Those infections that require ongoing medical care will need management by a primary care provider. Referrals are provided. Counseling for STD and HIV/AIDS is available as well.

STD/HIV/AIDS Program
332 W. Commerce St., Room 104
San Antonio, TX 78205
Tel. (210) 207-8830 or 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636)
<http://www.sanantonio.gov>



For students only

FREE Testing Days

Student Health Services

Fall 2009 Schedule

DT Campus

BV 1.308

October 28
November 11
December 1

1604 Campus

RWC 1.500

October 29
November 12
December 1

By appointment only

Call 458-4142

Private and confidential 30 minute Rapid Testing


For students only

The University of Texas at San Antonio
tel: 210.458.4142
www.utsa.edu/health

Know your status. Get Tested.

Take a free HIV test at Student Health Services, and be entered in a drawing for a chance to win an IPOD!!!!

Duration of contest
September 9-October 29



Testing available from 9:00am to 3:00pm by appointment only
Private and confidential 20 minute Rapid Testing

Questions? Email: AskSHADES@utsa.edu

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