

## **Trial date set for men accused of practicing medicine without a license**

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February 3, 2007 A 55-year-old man accused of practicing medicine without a license appeared before a state district judge Thursday morning, who set a \$50,000 reduced bond on all charges, down from \$200,000.

Hakeem Y. Abdullah faces one count of sexual assaulting a child, three counts of practicing medicine without a license, one count of Medicaid fraud and one count of theft, according to court documents.

Abdullah, along with Arthur Daniel Hayes, 56, is accused of performing pelvic and breast exams on women between August and October 2002 while both worked at a clinic in San Benito.

They are also accused of embezzling between \$20,00 and \$100,000 from Medicaid, according to court documents.

Abdullah was released Thursday afternoon from the Carrizalez-Rucker Detention Center after posting bond.

Portland, Ore., police apprehended Abdullah on Jan. 15, after a background check alerted them he was wanted by the Cameron County District Attorneys office on the charges.

Abdullah was released from an Oregon county jail Jan. 23 after posting a \$10,000 bail. He told a judge in Oregon he would appear before a state district court in Cameron County on Thursday.

Hayes was arrested on Dec. 19, 2006, by the Cameron County District Attorneys office. He was released from Carrizalez-Rucker in Olmito on Dec. 21, after posting a \$75,000 reduced bond on all charges.

Prosecutors asked the court if Abdullahs trial could run along with Hayes trial. Limas agreed.

Both trials are scheduled to start April 30, according to court documents.

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