Iowa Man Gets 5 Years in Prison for False Hep B Claim

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A man living with the hepatitis B virus (HBV) from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was sentenced to five years in federal prison and ordered to pay more than $17,700 in restitution for falsely claiming he contaminated a former employer's consumer product with his blood, The Associated Press reports. Prosecutors allege Luke Truesdell told investigators from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that he bled into several batches of product at work and later posted false information about it on Facebook. Truesdell pleaded guilty to counts of communicating false information and making false statements to the FDA as part of a deal. Court records don't identify the business or the product that Truesdell claimed was tainted.

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