

## Louisville neurologist charged with sexual abuse of patient

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After speaking with the woman, the detective went to speak with Arar and eventually arrested him about 8:30 p.m., Klain said.

Thomas Clay, the attorney representing the woman, said his client said the doctor fondled her, eventually ripping her clothes and leaving scratches and bruises on her. When she left the office, she called the rape crisis line and went to the hospital for an examination, Clay said.

Arar was arrested and given a \$1,500 bond, which he paid, and he has been released from jail, said his attorney, Todd Lewis. Arar denies the allegation.

Lewis spoke on Arar's behalf Sunday night after Clay spoke with the media earlier. In a statement released Sunday, Lewis' firm said it intends to do a full investigation into the allegations but has questions about the woman's motives, especially since she quickly hired an attorney and spoke with the media.

"Dr. Arar has engaged in no such acts, and we obviously question the motives of an individual who appears to be more interested in seeking financial gain in this matter," the statement said.

Clay said his client was distressed by the treatment she received and that is why she hired an attorney.

He said this was her first visit to the doctor, to whom she'd been referred because of some medical issues. Clay said she recently moved to Louisville with her husband.

Arar is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday.

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