



Doctor accused of abuse ordered to stop seeing female patients

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. -

A Louisville physician charged with sex abuse is facing restrictions on two fronts.

One limits who he can see as a patient and the other limits his travel.

Wednesday morning's court appearance was not an arraignment, but Dr. Ghias Arar, a neurologist, was in court along with two of his attorneys, as was the lawyer for the woman who brought the charge.

Arar was not due in court to answer to the sex abuse allegation brought by one of his female patients until next month.

Tara Batrice said the doctor fondled her and pleased himself when she went to his office last week.

"She went to the exam room with a walker and he took the walker away from her. She couldn't walk to get away from him," said Batrice's attorney, Thomas Clay.

The board of medical licensure issued an emergency order Tuesday that Arar not examine or treat any female patient until further notice, concluding, there is probable cause to believe this physician's practice constitutes a danger to the health, welfare and safety of his patients or the general public.

Clay said he's in the process of interviewing other past patients.

"As a result of their statements, I'm convinced Dr. Arar is a serial sexual predator," Clay said.

The physician's attorneys said they came to court to assure the court Arar wouldn't leave the U.S.

"I know there have been some aspersions cast against the doctor and they're not involved in the court process that bring into question certain things about him," said F. Todd Lewis, Arar's attorney.

Arar is a U.S. citizen from Syria and still has family there. According to his attorney, Arar has no intention to go back there.

"They're a murderous regime. I don't have to go any further about that nation and anyone would be insane to think and individual would jeopardize his citizenship rights with a flim-flam case against them," Lewis said.

Lewis said Arar just wants his day in court.

"At the end of the day, I think people are going to see that this young man has been the target of falsehoods," Lewis said.

Unless there are more developments in this case, Arar is scheduled for arraignment on March 19.

Arar is charged with first-degree sexual abuse, a Class D felony, which carries up to five years in prison upon conviction.

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