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Woman charged with practicing medicine illegally

Former Brown County resident arrested in California in case that dates back six years

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A hearing is scheduled today in California to extradite a former Brown County resident back to Indiana on charges of illegally practicing medicine.

Hulda Clark, 70, was arrested Sept. 20 in San Diego on charges of practicing medicine without a license, a Class C felony.

Clark claims she can cure diseases including cancer and AIDS with unconventional treatments, which she has been administering at a clinic in Tijuana, Mexico.

Brown County authorities say she was doing the same thing in Nashville in the early 1990s, which amounted to practicing medicine without a license. A warrant for her arrest was issued in 1993.

Brown County Sheriff's deputies left Friday to pick up Clark. A court hearing for her extradition has been set for today at the San Diego Municipal Court.

She has been detained for being a fugitive in Indiana at Los Colinas, a women's correctional facility in Santee, Calif. She is being held without bail.

According to a longtime friend, Frank Gerome of Columbus, Clark lived in Nashville for five or six years.

During this time, she further developed her interest in electronic techniques for scanning the human body, and began private consulting. She also did government-funded research in biophysics and cell physiology at Indiana University.

Clark has a Ph.D. in physiology but is not a medical doctor.

"When you do different things, word of mouth spreads through networks and spiritual groups and people seek you out," he said. "But her primary focus is to find answers, not necessarily treat patients."

Clark's trouble started in 1992 when one of her former AIDS patients made a complaint to the Indiana attorney general.

"The patient alleged Dr. Clark treated him instead of a physician," said Brown County Prosecutor James Oliver. "This was a problem, because Indiana law prohibits unlicensed doctors from diagnosing or treating people."

According to Oliver, further allegations against Clark occurred when the investigating attorney and the Indiana Department of Health sent two investigators to her office. Clark diagnosed one of the investigators with AIDS.

She sent the investigators to Indianapolis for blood tests. The investigator asked the lab not to draw his blood because he was an undercover investigator.

Within a few days, Clark disappeared. She took all of her belongings and cleared out her house on Cossey-Hill Road in Nashville. Investigators suspected she was tipped off by the lab.

Since then she has written three books: The Cure for all Cancers, The Cure for HIV and The Cure for AIDS, and released much of her information through the Internet .

"Her attitude is that anything she finds she wants to turn over to the people through books and information," Gerome said. "She is afraid of having her information being taken, bottled up, monopolized or buried."

Her books center around her research, and the capabilities of the Zapper, which is an experimental device that sells for \$59.95 on the Internet. Clark says the Zapper has a negative effect on parasites, bacteria and other pathogens that harm the body, which can be found in both cancer and AIDS patients.

"In my opinion, the conventional treatment of cancer and AIDS doesn't work and has failed in most cases," said Tim Bolen, whose public relations firm in California issued a news release in support of Clark.

Bolen said he expects 50 to 100 people to show up at the hearing today to protest Clark's extradition.

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