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## **Three Indicted for Female Genital Mutilation**

On April 26, 2017, two Detroit doctors and one co-conspirator were indicted by a federal grand jury for their alleged participation in a scheme to perform female genital mutilation (FGM) on minors, to transport these minors across state lines, and to obstruct justice.

Jumana Nagarwala, M.D., 44, of Northville, Michigan, Fakhruddin Attar, M.D., 53, and his wife, Farida Attar, 50, both of Livonia, Michigan, are charged with performing FGM on minor girls out of Fakhruddin Attar's medical office in Livonia, Michigan. According to the indictment, some of the minor victims allegedly traveled interstate to have Nagarwala perform the procedure. The indictment alleges that Nagarwala performed FGM on girls who were approximately six to eight years old. All three are also charged with a conspiracy to obstruct the federal investigation, and Nagarwala and Fakhruddin Attar are charged with giving false statements to a federal agent.

"Female genital mutilation has serious implications for the health and well-being of girls and women," stated Acting United States Attorney Daniel Lemisch. "This brutal practice is conducted on girls for one reason, to control them as women. FGM will not be tolerated in the United States. The federal government is continuing this investigation to ensure those responsible are brought to justice."

An indictment is merely an allegation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The FBI's Detroit Field Division has set up a tip line for anyone who has information pertaining to the illegal practice of FGM at [1-800-CALL-FBI \(225-5324\)](tel:1-800-CALL-FBI); to submit an e-tip, please visit [FBI.GOV/FGM](http://FBI.GOV/FGM). You can also contact the Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section at 1-800-813-5863.

The FBI's Detroit Division and HSI investigated the case with support of the Criminal Division's Fraud Section, the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Eastern District of Michigan and the FBI's International Human Rights Unit, Criminal Investigative Division. Deputy Chief Sara Woodward of the General Crimes Unit, Eastern District of Michigan and Fraud Section Assistant Chief Nick Surmacz and Trial Attorneys Amy Markopoulos and Malisa Dubal are prosecuting the case with the support of the Criminal Division's Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section.

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