

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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**U.S. ATTORNEY REQUESTS COOPERATION OF PATIENTS POTENTIALLY
IMPACTED BY ROCKY ALLEN DRUG THEFT AND TAMPERING**

DENVER – Blood testing released by consent of Rocky Allen has confirmed that federal defendant and former Swedish Medical Center of Colorado (Swedish) employee Rocky Allen carries HIV (subtype B) and that he is negative for Hepatitis B and C. Rocky Allen was a Surgery Technician at Swedish between August 2015 and January 2016. During his employment, he allegedly diverted fentanyl from the facility.

To address public health concerns, Swedish previously attempted to notify the approximately 3,000 patients potentially affected by Rocky Allen's conduct, and approximately 2,500 of those patients took advantage of the free medical testing offered by Swedish and were tested for all three blood-borne pathogens; however, approximately 500 of those initially tested did not participate in recommended follow-up testing. To date there have been no reported cases of transmission of HIV, Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C.

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado and Swedish strongly encourage those potentially affected patients who have not already done so to avail themselves of the free medical testing offered by Swedish. Specifically, we ask that those patients who have not been tested **contact Swedish at 303-788-4646** in order to schedule free testing.

In addition, for more information and to track case developments, potentially affected individuals may visit the U.S. Attorney's Office website at <http://www.justice.gov/usao/co> (click on Case Updates under the Victim Witness tab, and then click on *U.S. v. Rocky Allen*).