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KREBS DESCRIBED himself as the product of a top-flight education at Stanford University and the University of Texas-Southwestern Medical School. He said he started working part-time at Kassim's RNA Medical Clinic on Greenfield after answering a newspaper ad in 1979, the same year he began his medical residency at the University of Michigan.

Krebs denied that he had deviated from accepted medical practices while working at RNA and later at another Kassim clinic on Jefferson Avenue, where he said he signed an average of six Preludin prescriptions a day "with a lot of variations on either side of that number."

Krebs said that other employees of Kassim forged prescriptions in his name, a claim that was supported by government witnesses. He said that on one occasion he reported a forged prescription to a federal Drug Enforcement Administration agent.

In addition to Krebs, defendants are Shirley Bradley Danner, Maggie Curry, Linda Ricks and John Zellner, all identified as employees of Kassim, and Bernard Levine, a pharmacist.

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Famed doctor testifies in drug case

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A famous chest surgeon testified Wednesday that Dr. Ryan Krebs, charged with conspiring with Nellie Bell Kassim to operate a multimillion-dollar drug ring, was a "marvelous young man" who he would still welcome to accept a prestigious research post.

Dr. Henry Heimlich, inventor of the Heimlich maneuver credited with saving the lives of many choking victims, testified in federal court Thursday that Krebs, 29, is "like my son — he's absolutely honest, and I can't conceive of him straying . . . I can't accept any of the things that I've heard charged against him."

PROSECUTORS SAY Krebs, one of six alleged co-conspirators on trial, wrote prescriptions that were used to get pills sold to junkies and dope dealers in Detroit and Washington, D.C.

They say Krebs opened the Jefferson Medical Clinic at 12874 E. Jefferson with Kassim in October 1981 and worked at other clinics owned by Kassim. Witnesses have described the clinics as prescription mills where customers — who at best were given

cursory medical examinations — were given written orders for drugs and where bouncers were needed to keep order among unruly junkies.

Krebs was working part-time for Kassim while in his medical residency at the University of Michigan. Kassim, who became a government witness as part of a plea-bargaining deal, described Krebs as an initially naive doctor who, once he realized the scope of the operation, wanted to be a part of it and "make a million dollars" as fast as possible.

Heimlich, 62, said he first met Krebs 10 years ago through Heimlich's son, who was a classmate of Krebs' at Stanford University. Heimlich said he'd followed Krebs' education and "was impressed with his intelligence and decency."

Heimlich said Krebs visited the Heimlich family in Cincinnati between Dec. 11 and 13, 1981. Kassim had testified earlier that she had seen Krebs writing prescriptions for her in Detroit that weekend.

Heimlich said during that weekend he offered Krebs a job as
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associate director of the Heimlich Institute at Xavier University, "where he would have directed research and medical work."

But Heimlich said he learned Krebs was interested in a similar post at the Scripps Clinic in California, which Heimlich said is one of the finest clinics in the country.

Krebs also attended matches at a Davis Cup tennis tournament in Cincinnati that weekend, Heimlich said.

UNDER QUESTIONING from Krebs' attorney — aimed at establishing the chest surgeon as a credible character witness — Heimlich said he had established several medical procedures and devices along with the Heimlich maneuver, including a chest tube he used to save the life of a Chinese guerilla while serving behind Japanese lines in Inner Mongolia in World War II. The device was later used to save the lives of hundreds of wounded soldiers in Vietnam, Heimlich said.

Heimlich said he had won military decorations, honorary doctorates, humanitarian awards and an Emmy Award for "Dr. Henry's Emergency Lessons for People," an educational television program.

Heimlich's testimony is expected to continue today before U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs-Taylor.

Other defendants in the case are Shirley Bradley Dantler, Maggie Curry, Linda Ricks and John Zellner — all identified as employees of Kassim's — and Bernard Levine, a pharmacist. Two other people were ordered acquitted Wednesday by Diggs-Taylor. The trial is in its fourth week.

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Four guilty, 2 acquitted in prescription mill case

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A federal jury convicted four people Monday of conspiring in the prescription drug empire of Nellie Bell Kassim, but two of her lower-level employees were acquitted.

Found guilty after more than two weeks of deliberations were Dr. Ryan A. Krebs, 29, of Milan; pharmacist Bernard Levine, 33, of West Bloomfield; Shirley Bradley Danner, 46, of Detroit; and Linda Ricks, 35, of Detroit. They face maximum sentences of five years in prison and \$15,000 fines.

Acquitted of conspiracy in the two-month trial were Maggie Curry, 29, and John (Jersey Bull) Zellner, 53, both of Detroit.

TEN OTHERS have pleaded guilty to conspiracy or related charges, including Kassim, who agreed to a 10-year prison sentence in return for co-operating with federal prosecutors Ellen Dennis and James McCarthy.

Kassim, 42, of Southfield, was the key witness in the trial. Others on the

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The sisters also figured in the trial, but by their absence. Testimony disputed by Kassim indicated that she had one of the sisters, Mozell Barber, 32, murdered by a contract killer in Detroit in March 1981 because Barber was suspected of informing. Authorities say they are still investigating the murder.

The other sister, Nancy Lee McGinnis, 31, who was last reported living in Mississippi, was scheduled to be a defense witness who would refute some

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of Kassim's testimony. However, she "disappeared" in mid-trial, the jury was told by Ken Robinson, Krebs' attorney.

A PLUMP, often smiling woman, Kassim grew up in New York City and moved to Detroit a dozen years ago. The former nurse testified that her criminal career started with welfare fraud and flim-flam schemes and evolved into a pharmaceutical drug ring that channeled hundreds of thousands of pills from several clinics to drug dealers and junkies in Detroit, Washington, New York and North Carolina.

Kassim said she started her drug empire in 1979 with a group of overweight women she sent to doctors to obtain prescriptions for stimulants.

In March 1980, she said, she and her friend and former attorney, Robert Cohn, opened a diet clinic at 3800 Woodward that soon attracted hundreds of junkies. Cohn has not been indicted, but has said federal prosecutors have told him he is a target of an investigation.

KASSIM SAID she and Cohn opened several more clinics in downtown Detroit and on the east side. Pills shipped to Washington on Greyhound buses netted a fortune of several million dollars for Kassim, who once pulled \$23,000 from a paper bag to pay for a new Lincoln, testimony indicated.

Heimlich — author, television personality and inventor of the Heimlich maneuver designed to save the lives of choking victims — testified that in the decade he had known Krebs, he had found him to be "absolutely honest... a marvelous young man," and a brilliant medical student. Heimlich said he had met the doctor through Heimlich's son, Krebs' classmate at Stanford University.

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The government claimed pharmacist Levine aided the flow of drugs from legitimate pharmaceutical manufacturers to junkies on the street. Danner and Hicks were employees in Kassim's clinics.

Kassim's testimony tended to exonerate her lower-level employees in the clinic. U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs Taylor dismissed charges against two, Curtis Hicks and Sam Fields Jr., while the trial was in progress.

Diggs-Taylor declared a mistrial for another defendant, pharmacist Stanley Iczovitz, early in the trial when a government witness gave prejudicial testimony the witness previously had been instructed not to give.

Iczovitz, 46, of Birmingham, and John Parker, 50, of Detroit, who became ill just before the trial, will be tried on conspiracy counts later, prosecutors said.



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SUBJECT: VISITORS TO IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES
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ReSAClet 56-43 (I), dated 7/31/53.

Enclosed for the Bureau are one original and five copies of a blank memo, captioned as above.

Confidential informant referred to in blank memo is [redacted] who furnished this information on the indicated dates. (S) (U)

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Mr. and Mrs. Nicolae Tipu	138710
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George Serb	126838
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George Tuba	137198
Maria Caint (PH)	153080
Mary Pereny (PH)	148728

In addition, the source advised on the dates indicated that the following persons, together with descriptive data furnished, had indicated an interest to travel to Rumania: (S) (U)

August 2, 1956: Eugenia ~~Zundel~~, 610 West 110th Street, New York 25, New York. Academy 26732.

August 6, 1956: Henry ~~Catney~~, 62nd West Street, Brookland 22, New York. Evergreen 32600. (S) (U)

August 29, 1956: Professor Thomas ~~Turner~~, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

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KREBS DESCRIBED himself as the product of a top-flight education at Stanford University and the University of Texas-Southwestern Medical School. He said he started working part-time at Kassim's RNA Medical Clinic on Greenfield after answering a newspaper ad in 1979, the same year he began his medical residency at the University of Michigan.

Krebs denied that he had deviated from accepted medical practices while working at RNA and later at another Kassim clinic on Jefferson Avenue, where he said he signed an average of six Preludin prescriptions a day "with a lot of variations on either side of that number."

Krebs said that other employees of Kassim forged prescriptions in his name, a claim that was supported by government witnesses. He said that on one occasion he reported a forged prescription to a federal Drug Enforcement Administration agent.

In addition to Krebs, defendants are Shirley Bradley Danner, Maggie Curry, Linda Ricks and John Zellner, all identified as employees of Kassim, and Bernard Levine, a pharmacist.

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Famed doctor testifies in drug case

By TIM BELKNAP
 Free Press Staff Writer

A famous chest surgeon testified Wednesday that Dr. Ryan Krebs, charged with conspiring with Nellie Bell Kassim to operate a multimillion-dollar drug ring, was a "marvelous young man" who he would still welcome to accept a prestigious research post.

Dr. Henry Heimlich, inventor of the Heimlich maneuver credited with saving the lives of many choking victims, testified in federal court Thursday that Krebs, 29, is "like my son — he's absolutely honest, and I can't conceive of him straying . . . I can't accept any of the things that I've heard charged against him."

PROSECUTORS SAY Krebs, one of six alleged co-conspirators on trial, wrote prescriptions that were used to get pills sold to junkies and dope dealers in Detroit and Washington, D.C.

They say Krebs opened the Jefferson Medical Clinic at 12874 E. Jefferson with Kassim in October 1981 and worked at other clinics owned by Kassim. Witnesses have described the clinics as prescription mills where customers — who at best were given

cursory medical examinations — were given written orders for drugs and where bouncers were needed to keep order among unruly junkies.

Krebs was working part-time for Kassim while in his medical residency at the University of Michigan. Kassim, who became a government witness as part of a plea-bargaining deal, described Krebs as an initially naive doctor who, once he realized the scope of the operation, wanted to be a part of it and "make a million dollars" as fast as possible.

Heimlich, 62, said he first met Krebs 10 years ago through Heimlich's son, who was a classmate of Krebs' at Stanford University. Heimlich said he'd followed Krebs' education and "was impressed with his intelligence and decency."

Heimlich said Krebs visited the Heimlich family in Cincinnati between Dec. 11 and 13, 1981. Kassim had testified earlier that she had seen Krebs writing prescriptions for her in Detroit that weekend.

Heimlich said during that weekend he offered Krebs a job as

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associate director of the Heimlich Institute at Xavier University, "where he would have directed research and medical work."

But Heimlich said he learned Krebs was interested in a similar post at the Scripps Clinic in California, which Heimlich said is one of the finest clinics in the country.

Krebs also attended matches at a Davis Cup tennis tournament in Cincinnati that weekend, Heimlich said.

UNDER QUESTIONING from Krebs' attorney — aimed at establishing the chest surgeon as a credible character witness — Heimlich said he had established several medical procedures and devices along with the Heimlich maneuver, including a chest tube he used to save the life of a Chinese guerilla while serving behind Japanese lines in Inner Mongolia in World War II. The device was later used to save the lives of hundreds of wounded soldiers in Vietnam, Heimlich said.

Heimlich said he had won military decorations, honorary doctorates, humanitarian awards and an Emmy Award for "Dr. Henry's Emergency Lessons for People," an educational television program.

Heimlich's testimony is expected to continue today before U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs-Taylor.

Other defendants in the case are Shirley Bradley Dantler, Maggie Curry, Linda Ricks and John Zellner — all identified as employees of Kassim's — and Bernard Levine, a pharmacist. Two other people were ordered acquitted Wednesday by Diggs-Taylor. The trial is in its fourth week.

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Four guilty, 2 acquitted in prescription mill case

By TIM BELKNAP
Free Press Staff Writer

A federal jury convicted four people Monday of conspiring in the prescription drug empire of Nellie Bell Kassim, but two of her lower-level employees were acquitted.

Found guilty after more than two weeks of deliberations were Dr. Ryan A. Krebs, 29, of Milan; pharmacist Bernard Levine, 33, of West Bloomfield; Shirley Bradley Danner, 46, of Detroit; and Linda Ricks, 35, of Detroit. They face maximum sentences of five years in prison and \$15,000 fines.

Acquitted of conspiracy in the two-month trial were Maggie Curry, 29, and John (Jersey Bull) Zellner, 53, both of Detroit.

TEN OTHERS have pleaded guilty to conspiracy or related charges, including Kassim, who agreed to a 10-year prison sentence in return for co-operating with federal prosecutors Ellen Dennis and James McCarthy.

Kassim, 42, of Southfield, was the key witness in the trial. Others on the

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witness stand ran the social spectrum from a world-famous doctor, Dr. Henry Heimlich, who was a character witness for Krebs, to a cobbler, Leroy Bonham, who said he served as a gigolo to Kassim and her two sisters.

The sisters also figured in the trial, but by their absence. Testimony disputed by Kassim indicated that she had one of the sisters, Mozell Barber, 32, murdered by a contract killer in Detroit in March 1981 because Barber was suspected of informing. Authorities say they are still investigating the murder.

The other sister, Nancy Lee McGinnis, 31, who was last reported living in Mississippi, was scheduled to be a defense witness who would refute some

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of Kassim's testimony. However, she "disappeared" in mid-trial, the jury was told by Ken Robinson, Krebs' attorney.

A PLUMP, often smiling woman, Kassim grew up in New York City and moved to Detroit a dozen years ago. The former nurse testified that her criminal career started with welfare fraud and flim-flam schemes and evolved into a pharmaceutical drug ring that channeled hundreds of thousands of pills from several clinics to drug dealers and junkies in Detroit, Washington, New York and North Carolina.

Kassim said she started her drug empire in 1979 with a group of overweight women she sent to doctors to obtain prescriptions for stimulants.

In March 1980, she said, she and her friend and former attorney, Robert Cohn, opened a diet clinic at 3800 Woodward that soon attracted hundreds of junkies. Cohn has not been indicted, but has said federal prosecutors have told him he is a target of an investigation.

KASSIM SAID she and Cohn opened several more clinics in downtown Detroit and on the east side. Pills shipped to Washington on Greyhound buses netted a fortune of several million dollars for Kassim, who once pulled \$23,000 from a paper bag to pay for a new Lincoln, testimony indicated.

Heimlich — author, television personality and inventor of the Heimlich maneuver designed to save the lives of choking victims — testified that in the decade he had known Krebs, he had found him to be "absolutely honest... a marvelous young man," and a brilliant medical student. Heimlich said he had met the doctor through Heimlich's son, Krebs' classmate at Stanford University.

Kassim, however, depicted Krebs as an initially naive young intern who, once he learned the scope of the drug operation, wanted to be part of it and "make a million dollars" as fast as possible.

The government claimed pharmacist Levine aided the flow of drugs from legitimate pharmaceutical manufacturers to junkies on the street. Danner and Hicks were employees in Kassim's clinics.

Kassim's testimony tended to exonerate her lower-level employees in the clinic. U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs Taylor dismissed charges against two, Curtis Hicks and Sam Fields Jr., while the trial was in progress.

Diggs-Taylor declared a mistrial for another defendant, pharmacist Stanley Iczovitz, early in the trial when a government witness gave prejudicial testimony the witness previously had been instructed not to give.

Iczovitz, 46, of Birmingham, and John Parker, 50, of Detroit, who became ill just before the trial, will be tried on conspiracy counts later, prosecutors said.

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Dear [redacted]:

This letter is a formal request for your office to initiate an investigation regarding the following alleged criminal matters, which are supported by a wide range of documentation:

1. From 1976 to the present, Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati has verified a non-existent medical residency for Dr. Edward A. Patrick, of Cincinnati and Union, Kentucky. The hospital has done so despite being aware that Dr. Patrick never participated in any medical residency program at the hospital.

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The hospital has repeatedly verified this non-existent medical residency to multiple state medical boards, the American Medical Association, and to numerous employers, allowing Patrick to obtain medical licenses and to practice medicine in Ohio and other states. Dr. Patrick currently holds active medical licenses in seven states; five of his state medical licenses and his board certification list false dates of birth which shave ten years off his actual age.

2. Dr. Henry J. Heimlich and [redacted] while employed by Jewish Hospital, submitted false affidavits dated November 5, 1976 to the State Medical Board of Ohio stating that Dr. Patrick had been practicing medicine at Jewish Hospital for the previous 1-1/2 years. These affidavits allowed Dr. Patrick to obtain his Ohio state medical license on December 29, 1976, a license he has maintained to the present.

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At the time they signed these affidavits, Drs. Heimlich and [redacted] were aware that Dr. Patrick had never practiced medicine at Jewish Hospital, that he did not possess any state medical license during most of the 1-1/2 year period described in the affidavits, that Dr. Patrick was not a member of the hospital's residency program, and that Dr. Patrick had gained access to Jewish Hospital not as a physician, but as primary investigator on National Science Foundation grant #ENG-7404118. This was an engineering grant run through the electrical engineering department of Purdue University. Throughout this entire period, Dr. Patrick was fully employed as a professor of electrical engineering at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, a three-hour drive from Cincinnati.

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Jewish Hospital accepted NSF funds as a subcontractor for a computer data collection study conducted by Dr. Patrick in the hospital's cardiac care unit. The hospital was fully aware that Dr. Patrick's only legitimate purpose for being in the hospital was for the data collection project.

[redacted] was a participant in the NSF study and the [redacted] Patrick of a research paper funded by this NSF grant. Therefore, [redacted] was fully aware that Dr. Patrick's actual activities in the hospital were limited to data collection for the engineering grant.

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Dr. Heimlich, who by then had been working with Dr. Patrick for a number of years on what became known as the Heimlich maneuver, was similarly aware of Dr. Patrick's actual activities in Jewish Hospital since Dr. Heimlich helped arrange Dr. Patrick's NSF grant project at the hospital.

3. Dr. Edward A. Patrick may have been illegally handling patients in Jewish Hospital in 1975 and 1976. Dr. Patrick has published a case description in which he admits having handled a paralyzed stroke victim in the hospital. If Dr. Patrick caused bodily harm or death to patients, the fabricated residency may have been an attempt to cover-up the matter.

4. Dr. Edward A. Patrick submitted false documents, including a sworn affidavit, in his 1976 application for a medical license to the State Medical Board of Ohio. Along with the false Jewish Hospital residency, which he has claimed on six state medical license applications, which are sworn documents, he has claimed a variety of other false medical residencies.

5. The Health Alliance of Cincinnati, the parent organization of Jewish Hospital, was made aware of these issues on August 28, 2002, and apparently has refused to take any action or to report what may be criminal activities to law enforcement authorities. Upon being notified of these concerns, [redacted] [redacted] moved Dr. Patrick's file from Jewish Hospital to the offices of the Health Alliance where it is being kept under keypad security.

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Please find attached a letter to [redacted] dated September 18, 2003 outlining these concerns. On September 19, 2003, [redacted] replied to my letter and advised he had hired a private investigator to locate me.

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6. Over the years, these matters have been repeatedly brought to the attention of the State Medical Board of Ohio by multiple parties and the board has failed to take action. The Executive Director of the State Medical Board of Ohio, Thomas A. Dilling, has repeatedly ignored complaints on these and related matters. These matters were also brought to the attention of [redacted] Assistant Ohio Attorney General, who has similarly failed to take action. Additional information regarding these complaints can be provided to your office.

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Dr. Patrick's bogus residency came to light as a result of looking at a wide range of fraudulent activities which he has been involved in with Dr. Heimlich. Additional information and substantiating documentation may be found in the "Credentials" section of the following complaint, dated September 8, 2003, which may be found at:

<http://complaint.active.ws>

All information contained in that complaint may be considered as part of this complaint to your office.

Regarding Dr. Heimlich, he has been the subject of two recent unrelated fraud exposes in the national press:

- 1. <http://www.cnn.com/2003/HEALTH/conditions/04/14/health.aids.malaria.reut/>**
- 2. http://www.enquirer.com/editions/2003/03/16/loc_heimlich16.html**

Confirmation that you received this letter is appreciated. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters with you.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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Dear :

I received your e-mail of September 12, 2003.



You were copied on two complaints dated September 8, 2003, regarding medical residencies claimed by Edward A. Patrick, MD.

As you know, beginning on August 28, 2002, the Health Alliance was informed of these dubious residencies. More than a year has passed since then. It is unclear whether any action has been taken besides moving Dr. Patrick's file from Jewish Hospital to the Health Alliance.

Since the Health Alliance was informed last year:

1. Jewish Hospital continues to verify that Dr. Patrick completed a full calendar year Surgery I residency. Evidence indicates that this residency may be fraudulent. Dr. Patrick's only connection to Jewish Hospital was that he was collecting research data for a National Science Foundation engineering grant. Nevertheless, the surgery residency has been verified by Jewish Hospital since 1976, allowing Patrick to obtain medical licenses in multiple states. This claimed residency may also have been used by Dr. Patrick to obtain board certification by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

2. Another edition of the American Board of Medical Specialties directory has been published and Dr. Patrick's entry continues to list a non-existent two-year University of Cincinnati Emergency Medicine residency.

Of additional concern are two affidavits signed by Drs. Henry J. Heimlich and   dated November 5, 1976. As you are aware, these affidavits were provided to the State Medical Board of Ohio and allowed Dr. Patrick to obtain his Ohio state medical license, which he has maintained since 1976. Jewish Hospital also verified Patrick's residency to the American Medical Association, a primary verification source.

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If the Jewish Hospital residency is illegitimate, these may be criminal matters. When you were informed last year, you may have had a duty to report these matters to the appropriate authorities.

It should also be noted that repeated complaints by multiple parties regarding Dr. Patrick's credentials and related issues have been submitted to the State Medical Board of Ohio, who have similarly refused to take action despite being made aware that Dr. Patrick's residency may have been acquired illegally.

If the Health Alliance and other agencies are unwilling to address these issues, perhaps they are best handled by law enforcement authorities in the seven states where Dr. Patrick is licensed, including Ohio, as well as federal law enforcement authorities.

I have one question and I would appreciate your reply. Does the Health Alliance verify that Dr. Edward A. Patrick completed a full-year surgery residency at Jewish Hospital?

Thank you for your attention to my concerns. I look forward to your response so that I may know how to proceed.

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Michael K. Allen, Hamilton County (Ohio) Prosecutor

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