

PRESS RELEASE

Alabama Doctor Sentenced to Over One Year in Prison for \$2.7 Million Telemedicine Health Care Fraud Scheme

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BOSTON – An Alabama-based doctor has been sentenced in federal court in Boston for a \$2.7 million telemedicine fraud scheme involving medically unnecessary durable medical equipment (DME) and genetic testing primarily used to detect mutations in genes that could indicate a higher risk of developing certain types of cancers.

Tommie Robinson, 44, was sentenced on March 20, 2026 by U.S. Senior District Court Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton to 16 months in prison, to be followed by one year of supervised release. Robinson was also ordered to pay \$2,784,733.49 in restitution. [In October 2025](#), Robinson pleaded guilty to one count of health care fraud. Robinson was charged [in August 2025](#).

Between December 2018 and March 2021, Robinson worked with telemedicine companies to sign medical documentation, including doctors' orders, for medically unnecessary durable medical equipment and genetic testing. The orders Robinson signed were pre-populated based on telemarketing calls made to Medicare beneficiaries. Robinson generally did not contact the beneficiaries himself and had no provider-patient relationship with the beneficiaries. DME suppliers and laboratories ultimately submitted claims to Medicare for these signed orders. As a result of Robinson's participation in this scheme, the suppliers and laboratories submitted over \$2.7 million in claims to Medicare for DME and genetic testing that were medically unnecessary and based on false documentation.

United States Attorney Leah B. Foley; Robert Coviello, Special Agent in Charge, Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General; Ted E. Docks, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Boston Division; Jason Buckley, Acting Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service's Boston Division; Anthony D'Esposito, Inspector General of the Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General; and

Christopher Silvestro, Special Agent in Charge of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Northeast Field Office made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Alexandra Brazier and Lindsey Ross of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit prosecuted the case.

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