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## DA: Man who stole Davis COVID-19 sample rearrested after \$0 bail release



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**YOLO COUNTY, Calif.** — A man accused of stealing a COVID-19 test sample from Davis was rearrested days after being released from jail under California's \$0 bail order, the Yolo County District Attorney's Office said Wednesday.

Shaun Lamar Moore, 40, of Sacramento, was rearrested April 20 on sexual battery and petty theft charges while violating probation, the district attorney's office said. He was booked into the Yolo County Jail with a \$10,000 bail.

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Moore was released after his April 15 arraignment because of an [emergency order by the Judicial Council of California](#) that ends cash bail for inmates with most types of misdemeanor and lower-level felony offenses as a way to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus in county jails.

After his release, the Yolo County Superior Court ordered Moore to be supervised by the probation department and wear a GPS tracking device, the district attorney's office said.

Moore was charged April 13 with felony "attempted possession of a restricted biological agent," burglary and petty theft by false pretenses after he stole a COVID-19 test sample from Sutter Davis, the district attorney's office said.

Moore [posed as a CDC employee to obtain the specimen](#), according to court documents obtained by KCRA.

According to a motion to deny bail filed by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office, Moore walked into the hospital posing as a "federal employee from the Center for Disease Control" and gave staff his real name. He claimed "he was there to pick up a sample of the COVID-19 virus."

It just so happened that the hospital was expecting a courier that day from the California Department of Public Health to pick up a coronavirus sample. Court documents said hospital staff thought Moore was that courier and gave the sample to him. They later got suspicious when they noticed he "left the area on a bicycle." The staff's suspicion was confirmed when "the actual courier arrived a few minutes later."

The test sample was found in a CVS shopping cart about five hours later, the Davis Police Department said. The lab at Sutter Davis confirmed the sample was not tampered with.

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