

# City man who posed as doctor enters plea

Will spend 3½ months  
in jail for treating woman  
with breast cancer

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A man who falsely claimed to be a doctor and treated a Central Virginia woman with breast cancer was sentenced Friday in Lynchburg Circuit Court to five years in jail, but will serve 3½ months through a plea agreement.

The criminal trial had been set for Monday for Peter Adeniji-Bello, 59, who was charged with one felony and nine misdemeanors.



Adeniji-Bello

The felony charge was one count of obtaining money by false pretenses. The misdemeanors were four counts of assault and battery and five counts of practicing a profession without a license.

Adeniji-Bello pleaded guilty on all counts.

Judge J. Leyburn Mosby Jr. said that Adeniji-Bello's \$6,000 in restitution to the victim was factored into accepting the plea agreement.

The victim had spent that amount on an herbal potion he had concocted. It did not cure her breast cancer nor stop the tumor's growth from October 2006 through November 2007, the period in which he met with her and sold her the product.

Adeniji-Bello had faced 13 charges. However, four sexual battery charges were amended to assault and battery — all misdemeanors.

The charges were amended, said Chuck Felmlee, deputy commonwealth's attorney, because there was no evidence that the defendant touched the victim for his own sexual gratification, but instead, the contact was part of a "ruse" of being a medical doctor.