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Tainted Blood Charges: An Indiana prosecutor is dusting off a little-used law to charge five HIV-infected people with knowingly selling their tainted blood to a plasma center. "When the information first came to us, I was blown away," said Carl Brizzi, prosecutor in Marion County, which includes Indianapolis. "There were five people out there who knew they had HIV but, for 20 bucks, were willing to possibly infect who knows how many men, women and children." The three men and two women were charged with transferring contaminated bodily fluids, punishable by up to eight years in prison. Three of the five have been arrested. The AIDS virus in their blood was detected through routine screening, and the plasma was rejected.

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