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## **Health Department warns about two men**

Stanton~ The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) is offering testing for those individuals who have had unprotected sex with Gerald Campbell or Ryan Hanford, both of whom were recently arrested in Montcalm County for sex crimes.

Gerald Campbell, a Crystal resident living with HIV, is charged with having sexual relationships without informing partners that he was HIV positive. At least two local women, one from Crystal and another from Hubbardston, have come forward and admitted to having a sexual relationship with Campbell without knowing he had HIV. “This case solidifies why it is so important for people to use protection regardless of what their partners tell them,” said Robert Graham, D.O. and Medical Director for MMDHD. “Just because someone says they are free of disease doesn’t make it so.” Anyone who has had unprotected sex with Campbell or received a tattoo from Campbell needs to contact the health department to be tested right away.”

The second case involves Ryan Hanford, a sex offender from Lansing, accused of soliciting and having sexual relationships with underage girls he met online. The alleged encounters involve students from Carson City; however law enforcement investigators believe he may also have had contact with girls from Belding, Battle Creek, Ithaca and Monroe. Those who have had unprotected sex with Hanford are also encouraged to contact the health department be tested for HIV and AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

“Early detection is key to treatment and prevention of complications from sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV and AIDS,” said Graham.

Again, MMDHD is urging anyone who may have had unprotected sex with either man to be tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases by calling 989-831-3615 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment for a free, anonymous and confidential consultation.

Contacts of Campbell or Hanford are also encouraged to contact the Carson City Police Department at 989-584-3515.

*Mid-Michigan District Health Department serves the residents of Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties.*

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