

Man Facing Hep C Exposure Felony Charge

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John Cranmer, 31, a man incarcerated in Missouri who has hepatitis C, is facing a felony charge for knowingly endangering a jail employee after he allegedly smeared his feces all over his cell, according to a report in the Branson Tri-Lakes News.

Already in jail and facing several other felony charges, Cranmer refused orders to clean up his cell. "The jail staff did have to remove Cranmer from his cell and send in an officer to clean," according to the probable cause statement. "This action placed the officer in direct contact with hepatitis C."

According to a felony complaint from Anthony Brown, assistant Taney County prosecuting attorney, Cranmer committed a class C felony when he "knowingly caused a corrections employee to come into contact with feces...knowing he was infected with hepatitis C."

Although hepatitis A is often spread through minute amounts of fecal matter, hepatitis C is [spread through blood-to-blood contact](#), most often through needles or blood transfusions.

To read the Branson Tri-Lakes News article, [click here](#).
