

Drug case against Clarksville dentist dismissed

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CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — All charges have been dropped in the case of a Clarksville dentist on a relief mission to Haiti who was stopped at an airport with a bag containing prescription drugs.

Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp was arrested April 18 at Nashville International Airport with several bottles of prescription painkillers. She was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Her attorney, David Raybin, said Friday that the district attorney's office had asked him to verify that Beauchamp is a dentist and that she was going to use the drugs as part of the medical mission trip.

Raybin and the DA's office entered into a joint order dismissing the case, which a judge signed on April 30.

"I certainly appreciate the district attorney's office looking into it, and I understand the confusion the police had," Raybin said. "They were just doing their job."

He said Beauchamp would have no comment.

"It's really wonderful that individuals such as Dr. Beauchamp are willing to give their time to help people," Raybin said.

"This helping attitude is one that we should all try to emulate for Haiti and across Middle Tennessee."



Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp