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## Alabama lawmakers block additional regulations on Xanax

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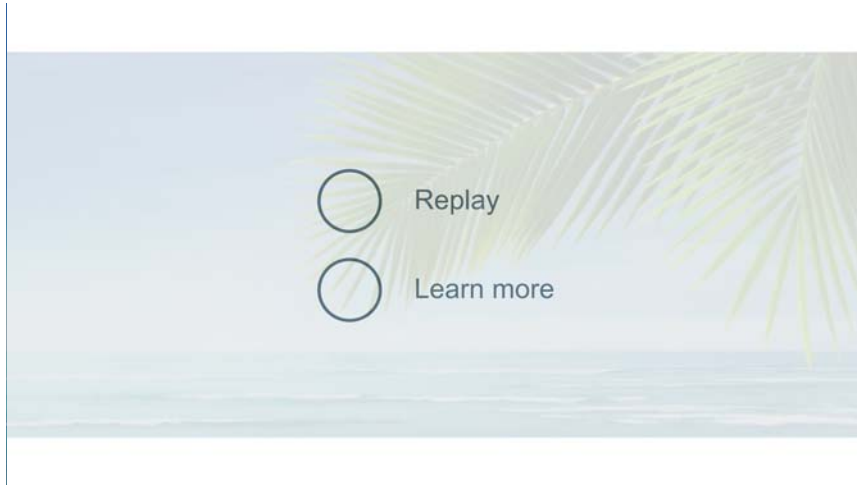
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Alabama lawmakers blocked an effort today to increase regulations on Xanax, also known as alprazolam, a drug used to treat anxiety that's also been tied to an increase in overdose deaths.

muscle relaxants, but can also be abused on its own. Dr. David Herrick, a member of the board of medical examiners, said evidence shows alprazolam is dangerous and highly addictive.

Alabama would have been the first state to move alprazolam to the same category as powerful opioids such as methadone, oxycodone and fentanyl, which cannot be refilled. The drug is currently regulated like other anxiety medications, which can be refilled up to six times in six months.

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Members of the Alabama Pharmacy Association opposed the change. Michael Hogue, an associate dean and pharmacy professor at Samford University, said the change would hurt patients suffering from anxiety. Alabama has a shortage of mental health providers, which could make it difficult to obtain needed prescriptions, he said.

Alabama ranks near the top nationally in per capita prescriptions of anti-anxiety medications including alprazolam and opioids, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



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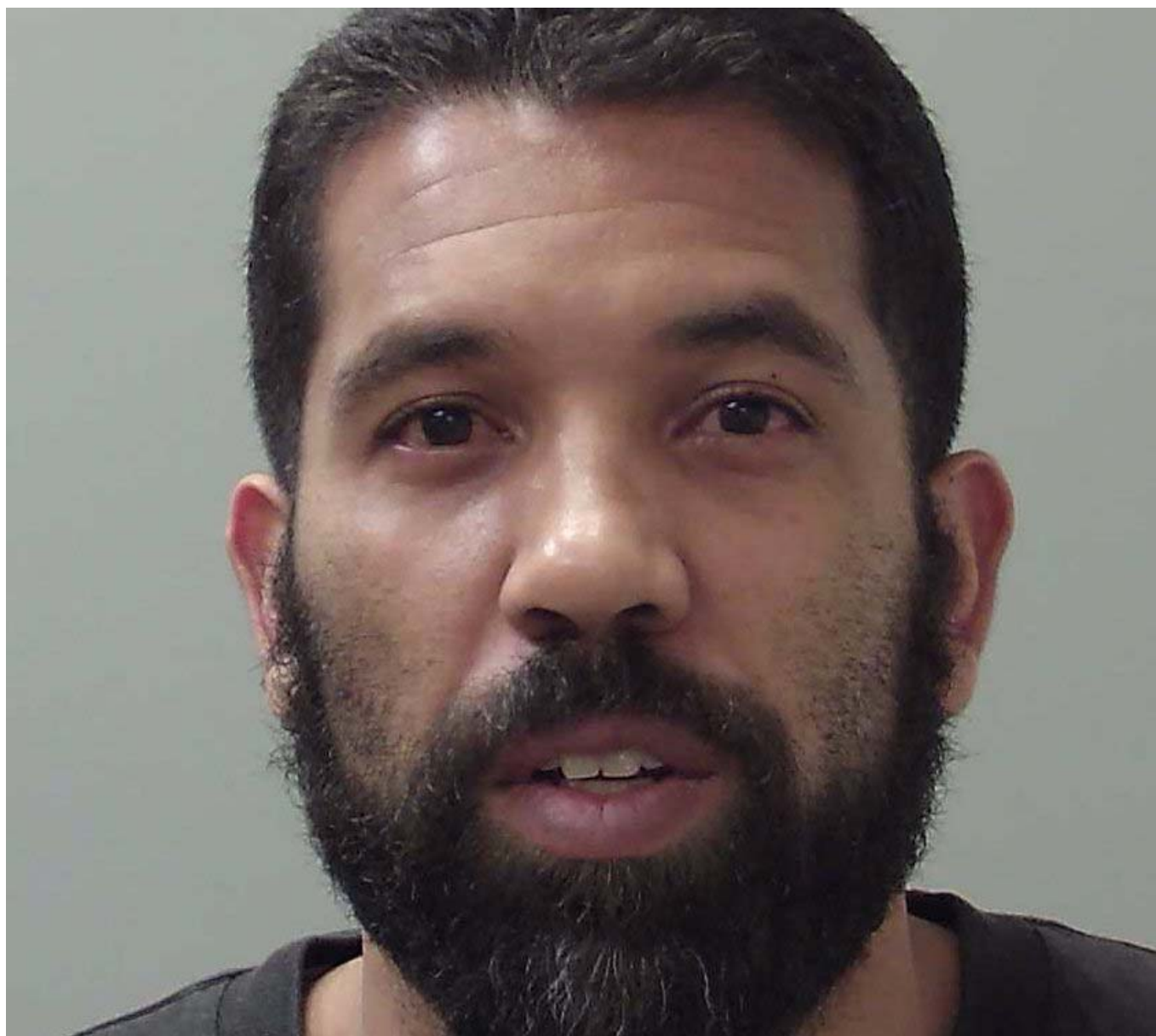
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Former TV detective and Huntsville identity theft suspect Sean DeCambra will not be bonding out of the Madison County Jail or living in California before trial.



Sean Decambra (Madison County Jail)

was supposed to hear arguments from the defense and prosecution but the hearing was canceled after DeCambra's attorney Patrick Hill told Madison County Assistant District Attorney he would drop the motion.

Details of the decision weren't provided.

DeCambra, a 40-year-old former actor, is charged with trafficking stolen identities in connection with what prosecutors have called a "forgery and fake ID factory" in Huntsville. He is being held in the Madison County Jail.

DeCambra had filed a motion asking Hundley to let him live at his home in California pending trial. At a hearing April 6, DeCambra promised the judge he wouldn't flee if allowed to live out of state. Decambra also agreed to wear a GPS monitor and submit to house arrest 9 p.m.-8 a.m. each day. He asked to live at his home in Placentia, California because he doesn't have a place to stay in Madison County, Hill has said.

Hundley has been skeptical of DeCambra's promises to return to court because he violated terms of bond on a previous charge of possessing a forged instrument. Prosecutors later dropped the charge, but while DeCambra was out on bail, he left Alabama and went to Ohio.

DeCambra has been jailed since January in connection with a fraud ring that was discovered by sheriff's deputies when they were serving an eviction notice at an upscale Huntsville home. Deputies in August 2016 discovered multiple people's names, social security numbers, addresses, dates of birth, phone numbers, email addresses, tax forms, pell grant documents, credit and debit cards, and driver license numbers at the \$500,000 home on Elm Ridge Boulevard. During a preliminary hearing, sheriff's Investigator Roland Campos testified authorities found 80 trash bags worth of evidence at the home, where DeCambra and his co-defendants were squatting.

DeCambra is charged along with Miles and Monualdai Tibbs, who are brothers. Monualdi Tibbs was extradited from Ohio to Alabama on Wednesday face charges of trafficking in stolen identities, second-degree possession of a forged instrument, identity theft and fraudulent use of a credit card. He is housed in the Madison County Jail. A court date hasn't yet been set.

In 2004, DeCambra starred as Detective Ashley Johnson in eight episodes of NBC's "Hawaii," which aired for one season. DeCambra, a native of Hawaii, attended Washington State University on a football scholarship in the '90s. He was listed as a wide receiver on the school's 1996 team.

The former actor also played uncredited roles during the 2000s in "The Shaggy Dog," "Tides of War" and "Lost," according to the Internet Movie Database.

The next step in DeCambra's case is presentation of the evidence to a grand jury for consideration of an indictment. Prosecutors have said it could take several months to present the case. If a grand jury determines there is enough evidence to send the case to trial, it will issue an indictment, which is a formal notice of charges against a defendant.



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