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♦ In an unusual case, a Pennsylvania woman pleaded guilty June 9 to making false statements relating to health care matters after misleading providers about her minor child's medical condition, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania said. [1] According to the U.S. attorney's office, Shelley Noreika of Newville told her five-year-old daughter to fake having a seizure while Noreika videotaped her. Noreika emailed the video clip of the phony seizure to her daughter's pediatric neurologist, with false statements about the child's medical condition. "On multiple other occasions, Noreika also falsely reported to medical providers that her daughter experienced seizures, when in fact no such seizures occurred. Noreika never witnessed her daughter have an actual seizure on February 4, 2020, or on any other date," the U.S. attorney's office said. "Noreika misled medical providers concerning the health and condition of her daughter knowing they would rely on her false statements in their diagnosis and treatment decisions." Under the plea agreement, the parties agreed the offense involved a loss amount between \$95,000 and \$150,000, including "costs borne by insurers and the government for the daughter's unnecessary medical treatment and visits."

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