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Pharmacist and radio personality accused of Medicaid fraud is released from jail

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Antonio "Tony" Calatayud, a pharmacist, radio personality and prominent Cuban exile arrested last week for Medicaid fraud, was released from jail Tuesday after he posted a \$50,000 bond -- one quarter of the original bond amount.

Miami-Dade County Judge José Rodriguez lowered the bond from \$200,000 based on his ties to the community, said Ed Griffith, a spokesman for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's office.

"He has been here for many years. He has a business. He's not a runner," Griffith said.

Calatayud, 63, and the owner of Primera Farmacia Latina in Sweetwater, is charged with organized fraud and grand theft. He is accused of filing more than 1,300 false Medicaid claims for prescriptions drugs he never filled and bilking the state out of \$290,000.