Hungarian legislation on criminalization of HIVtransmission/exposure

- Non HIV-specific law

- Criminal Code. Article 170 Causing Bodily Harm
- § (4) is the paragraph that would be used for transmission with intent: if the causing of bodily harm results in a permanent disability or a severe damage to health, the perpetrator can be sentenced to 1 to 5 years of prison.
- § (6) would be used for negligence: if the causing of severe bodily harm is perpetrated by negligence but causes the results described in (4), the perpetrator can be sentenced to up to 3 years of prison.



A case of HIV-transmission

- Male living with HIV was charged with transmission
- Subtype of viruses were checked in laboratory
 As subtypes were not matching the judge acquitted the accused



A case of exposure

Male ex-porn actors HIV-status became public
He was charged with negligent endangering
The case ended with acquittal as transmission did not happen and negligent endangering could not be proven.





Ex-wife charged husband with HIV-transmissionDirection of transmission could not be proven.

The judge: you wouldn't find people charging you for going to community with the flu virus

