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## **Parish asks to resume mental tests Jailed economist requests evaluation at MUSC**

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Former Charleston Southern University economist Al Parish wants to continue his psychiatric evaluation in Charleston next week.

In court papers filed Friday, Parish asked to be transported from the Charleston County Detention Center one afternoon to resume his evaluation as an outpatient at the Medical University of South Carolina's Institute of Psychiatry.

Federal prosecutors aren't opposing the request, defense attorney Andy Savage wrote. Parish was examined inside the jail earlier this week.

Parish has been held as a "flight risk" since April 12 when he was arrested on a single charge of lying to the Securities and Exchange Commission and providing false documents. Authorities contend Parish mismanaged millions of dollars given to him by clients who invested in his privately run "pools."

Prior to his arrest, Parish reportedly suffered a bout of amnesia, which surfaced after he began speaking with investigators in late March.

His health is said to be a concern in other areas, including high blood pressure.

Meanwhile, movers continued to recover some of Parish's possessions and collectibles from his homes this week. The items eventually will be sold to pay his debts. Furniture and a wide-screen television were seen coming out of his Tradd Street apartment.

Also, the Summerville branch of the A.J. Davis clothing store Parish owns will begin an inventory reduction sale today, but the store is not expected to close immediately, an official said.