

'Dr. Death' to join speaking circuit

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DETROIT - The former U.S. pathologist known as "Dr. Death," Jack Kevorkian will become a highly paid public speaker on assisted suicide when he leaves prison in June.

Kevorkian's lawyer, Mayer Morganroth told the Detroit News there have been several offers made by groups willing to pay between \$50,000 and \$100,000 per engagement, but he refused to say who made them.

Kevorkian will be released from a Detroit-area prison on June 1, six days after he turns 79. He spent more than eight years behind bars for assisting in the lethal injection suicide of a man with Lou Gehrig's disease in 1998. He is linked to about 130 other deaths.

After his release, Kevorkian will be on parole for two years, and conditions include a provision he not attend any assisted suicides, the News said.

His lawyer said making speeches about the right-to-die does not violate the conditions of parole.

"He's not real keen on (giving speeches), but there are bills to be paid," Morganroth said.

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