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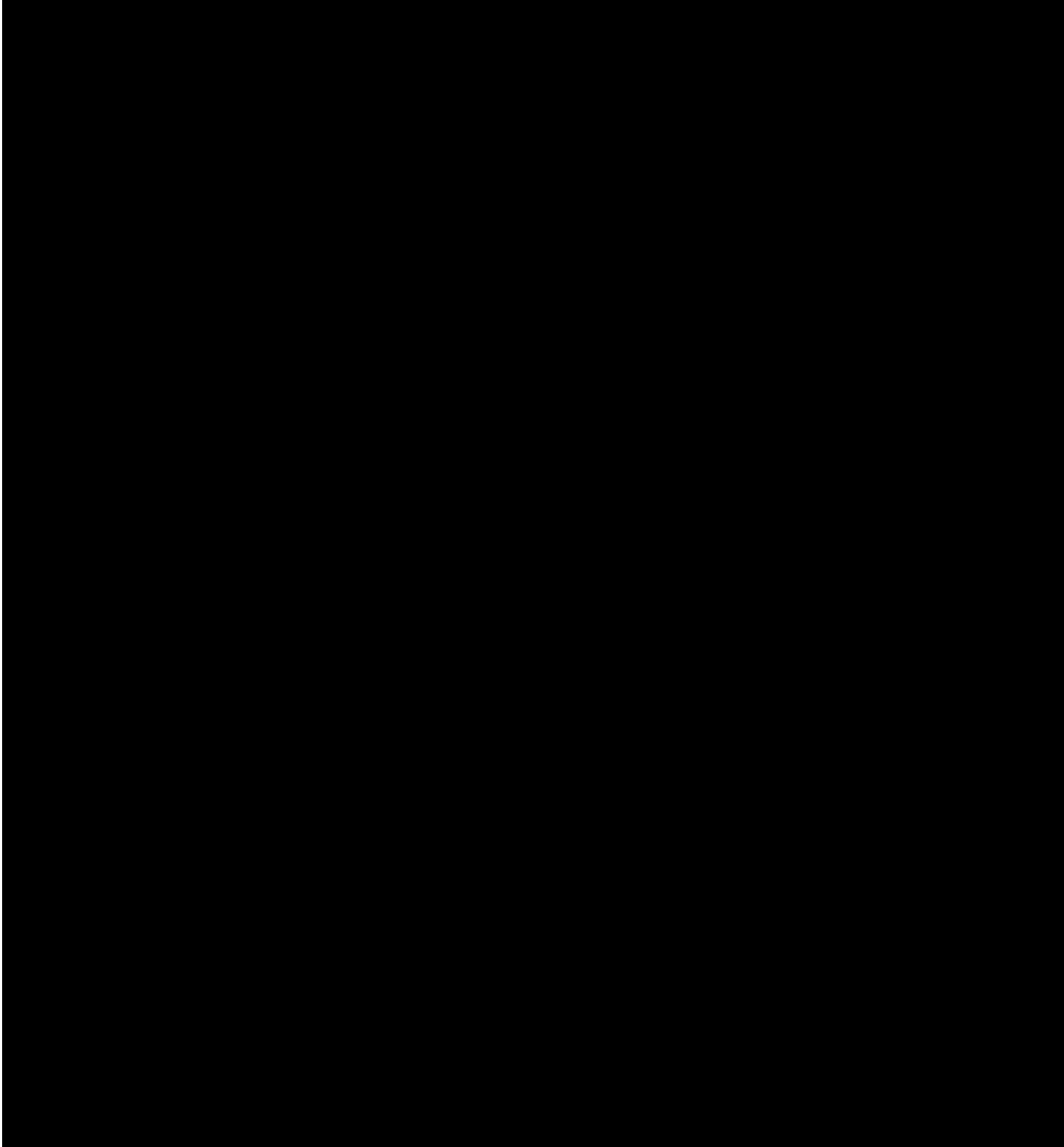
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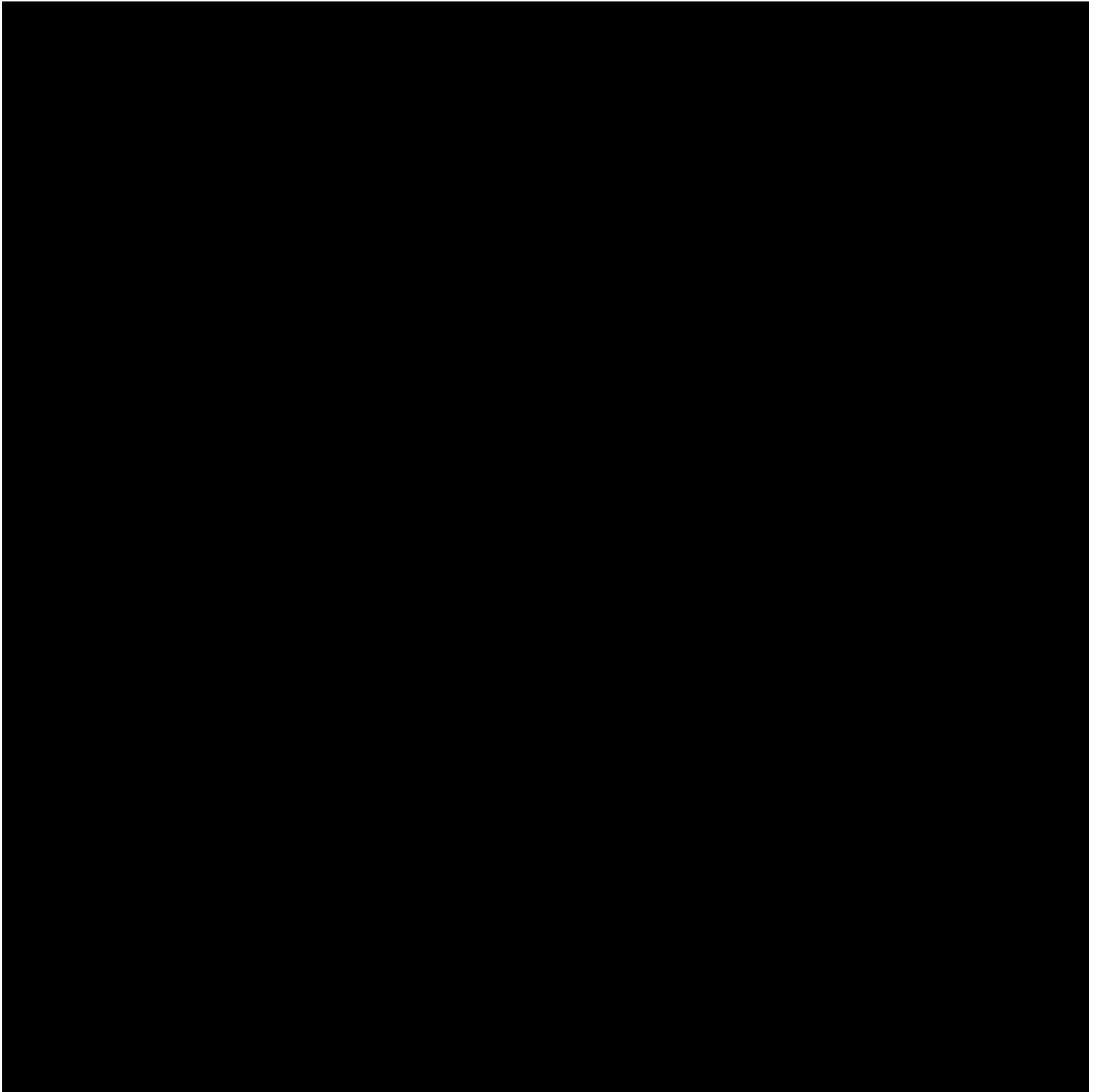
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**(U) Georgia – FBI Arrests Man for COVID-19 Kickbacks** - FBI agents arrested a Georgia man Monday on charges that he accepted kickbacks from medical testing companies by referring people for COVID-19 testing who didn't need it in order to fraudulently get Medicare reimbursement. Court documents said Erik Santos, 49, engaged in a large-scale scheme to defraud the government by soliciting and receiving payments from companies involved in medical testing, in exchange for steering people to those companies for expensive tests that Medicare would pay for. Prosecutors said he was already getting kickbacks for unnecessary cancer screenings when the pandemic hit. The FBI said Santos ran a marketing

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company that generated leads for medical testing companies. Agents were investigating what they said were his efforts to get kickbacks for cancer screenings when he began to bundle them with tests for the pandemic virus.

- Source: <https://news.yahoo.com/coronavirus-kickbacks-fbi-arrests-georgia-164147745.html>

**(U) Nationwide** - *There's No COVID-19 Cure Online: \$14 Million Seized in Fake Pharma as 121 Arrested* - From counterfeit surgical masks to coronavirus 'cures' - criminal lowlife exploiting the pandemic are targeted by global law enforcement operation. Catherine De Bolle, the executive director of Europol, has warned the public not to buy medicines online which claim to cure COVID-19. "Not only are these medicines fake," De Bolle said in a Twitter posting, "but dangerous too."

- Source: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/daveywinder/2020/03/24/theres-no-covid-19-cure-online-14-million-seized-in-fake-pharma-as-121-arrested/#1cfdd13a6da7>