

Ex-Hospital Executive Is Accused

Miami

Sanford K. Bronstein, the former hospital president who scored a personal triumph by getting President Nixon to dedicate a new wing of his hospital 67 days ago, was sought yesterday on 64 criminal charges.

The 58-year-old Bronstein, who was fired recently as president of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital at the start of an investigation of his activities, was accused in an information returned by a circuit court late Wednesday.

State Attorney ^{Richard} Gerstein charged him with 64 counts ranging from check forgery to conspiracy to commit grand larceny of hospital funds totaling \$525,000.

"We believe there was a possibility that some of this money was funneled to Washington for political purposes and we expect to pursue that aspect of it," Gerstein said.

Soon after President Nixon dedicated a \$75 million expansion of Cedars of Lebanon on February 14, an audit turned up suspicious circumstances in connection with payments totaling \$627,000 to a Jamaican architectural firm. Bronstein was fired by hospital directors and the hospital was put into bankruptcy by court order.

Bronstein, who sold his palatial home several weeks ago, was reported to be out of the country on an extended vacation.

Gerstein said he hoped Bronstein would return to surrender in response to the charges, but, if not, the state attorney's office would attempt to find him and seek extradition.

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