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Nursing home worker to be arraigned in sex assault case

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A 51-year-old Orion Township man is expected to be arraigned Thursday on a felony sexual assault charge after investigators say a Rochester Hills nursing home worker caught the custodian forcing himself on an 84-year-old resident with dementia.

The custodian, who worked at MediLodge on Walton near Livernois for three years, could be sentenced for up to 15 years in prison if convicted of second-degree criminal sexual assault, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. The man will not be named until after he appears by video for a hearing at 11 a.m. Thursday in 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills.

Another worker opened the door to the woman's room Monday afternoon and found the custodian standing in front of her wheelchair with his pants down, according to investigators. The suspect asked her not to turn him in, but she reported the incident to a supervisor. The Sheriff's Office is also investigating whether two other women, ages 69 and 94, were assaulted during the past six months.



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