

Patient assaulted at nursing home

A nursing home maintenance worker remained behind bars Friday, charged with sexually assaulting an 80-year-old patient.

A witness told police David McCollum got into bed with the nonresponsive patient Thursday when he was supposed to be repairing something in her room at the Deupree Community in Oakley.

Mr. McCollum, 42, of Middletown, was arrested and charged with gross sexual imposition. Investigators did not immediately have enough evidence to charge him with rape, said Lt. Stephen Luebbe, commander of the Cincinnati Police Division's personal crimes unit. They have to wait for results of medical tests before determining if other charges can be added, he said.

Man acquitted of nursing home assault

A 44-year-old Middletown man was acquitted Thursday of charges that he raped an 80-year-old Alzheimer's patient living in a nursing home in Oakley.

Jurors in the trial of David McCollum deliberated over three days before finding the former maintenance man not guilty of sexually assaulting a female resident of the Deupree Community.

A witness said Mr. McCollum got into bed with the non-responsive patient Aug. 10, 2000.

Mr. McCollum contended that the woman had scooted off her bed while he was in the bathroom fixing a leaky faucet. What another employee witnessed, his attorney said, were his attempts to get the woman back into her bed.