



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Male Nurse Arrested for Sexual Battery



Bassam Camille Karim

On February 11, 2009 officers from the Vienna Police Department responded to a report from a female victim that alleged she had been inappropriately examined by a male nurse at the Inova Urgent Care Center at 100 Maple Avenue, East in Vienna, Virginia. Preliminary investigation revealed that a 26 year old female patient had gone to the Urgent Care Center seeking treatment for a medical issue.

After checking in, a male nurse took the victim to an exam room. There he conducted an unauthorized and inappropriate exam on the victim. After the male nurse left the room, a doctor and female nurse entered to assess and treat the victim for symptoms for which she had originally sought treatment.

Further investigation by detectives determined that the male nurse, 32 year old Bassam Camille Karim of Dellwood Drive in Vienna, Virginia had committed a sexual battery while in the exam room. A warrant was obtained and he was arrested after coming to Vienna Police Headquarters on February 17, 2009. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, taken before a Magistrate, and formally charged with Sexual Battery; a Class 1 Misdemeanor.

The Inova Health System has been fully cooperative during the investigation.

Anyone with further information regarding this case or any other related case is asked to contact Detective Art Sylmar at 703-255-7834.

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