

Sexual Assault: Nurse Had Assaulted A Patient.

A civil sexual-assault lawsuit in the District Court, Tarrant County, Texas resulted in a total settlement of \$1,215,000 for the patient.

The hospital paid \$315,000 and the insurance company for the nurse-staffing agency by whom the nurse-perpetrator was employed paid \$900,000.

The nurse-perpetrator was convicted of sexual assault on a disabled person, a felony, and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

He sexually assaulted a partially paralyzed sixty-two year-old female stroke victim, a patient at the hospital.

Nurse Had Been Accused Of Prior Misconduct

Although his employment and criminal background checks were unremarkable, the nurse reportedly had been accused by another hospital patient of similar conduct just weeks before. The earlier assault was a key element tending to prove the patient's case. **Goodlett v. Adventist Health Systems**, 2007 WL 1976779 (Dist. Ct. Tarrant Co., Texas, May 8, 2007).