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James Wallace of Appleton accused of beating, raping teen

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APPLETON — Police say an Appleton man severely beat and raped an 18-year-old woman Thursday after they drank together at his Grand Chute motel room.

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James A. Wallace, 48, was charged Friday in Outagamie County Court with second-degree sexual assault, second-degree reckless endangerment, false imprisonment, substantial battery, battery and disorderly conduct.

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Wallace, who will return to court Thursday for a preliminary hearing, faces more than 60 years in prison if convicted on all six counts. He's being held in jail on a \$50,000 cash bond.

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Police arrived at the motel in the 400 block of W. Northland Ave. about 10:30 p.m. Thursday to find a woman beaten and bloody in the parking lot.

The woman, who was without pants or shoes, told police Wallace punched her in the face several times and forced sexual activity. At one point, she escaped and tried to hide under a table. Wallace then came at her and poured bleach on her face, the criminal complaint says.

Police found Wallace at the motel. He denied beating or sexually assaulting the woman.

Wallace is charged as a repeat criminal offender on all six counts.

He previously had been convicted of 25 misdemeanors and five felonies in Minnesota, including a 2004 charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. As a result of that case, he served more than three years in prison, the complaint says.

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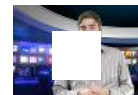
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