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Speck Gets Jail Cell⁴⁷ At Chicago

Transferred From Hospital Secretly

CHICAGO (AP) — Richard Speck, indicted for the methodical murder of eight student nurses, spent his first night in Cook County jail after being confined in a hospital since his arrest July 17.

Speck, 24, was transferred Friday from the House of Correction hospital to the jail. The move was veiled by a conference the hospital had called to ask news media cooperation in preventing any incident.

Dr. William N. Norcross, the city jail chief surgeon, told newsmen, "The events surrounding the transfer of a maximum security prisoner in Dallas were regrettable."

"The pride and interest of Chicago would not be served if the incident were repeated," he

said, alluding to the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

Speck was placed in the jail infirmary. Warden Jack Johnson said Speck "is docile, and is following orders. He is no problem at all."

Shortly after Speck's transfer was announced, the Cook County grand jury revised the murder indictments to insert additional material. John Stamos, an assistant state's attorney, said the revision had nothing to do with Speck's middle name, which is listed in the indictments as Franklin, but on his birth certificate as Benjamin.

Stamos said the amendments included references to the Illinois criminal code. He added that although the original indictments were not invalid, the revisions were more technically correct.

Johnson said Speck would remain in the jail infirmary over the weekend and will probably be transferred to a maximum security cell next week. He said he saw no reason why Speck could not appear in Circuit Court for his scheduled arraignment Monday.

Speck's counsel, Gerald W. Getty, chief of the public defender's office, has said he will ask for a continuance. Getty has also said he will enter a plea that Speck is innocent by reason of insanity.