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Speck Indicted Again

CHICAGO (AP) — A Cook County grand jury returned eight revised murder indictments against Richard Speck late Friday in the massacre of eight student nurses. Earlier, Speck had been silently transferred to the Cook County Jail.

The indictments bore the name Richard Franklin Speck as had the earlier indictments, but additional material was inserted.

It was learned Thursday that birth records in Monmouth, Ill., give Speck's name as Richard Benjamin Speck.

But John Stamos, an assis-

tant state's attorney, said the revised indictments had nothing to do with Speck's middle name, and that they were amended only to make the murder charges more specific.

Stamos said Thursday that Speck used the middle name Franklin in several court appearances and arrests in Texas.

Officials issued a statement saying Speck, 24, was physically capable of appearing in court Monday on the murder indictments.

Speck, who developed a heart condition in the hospital, was moved under secrecy for his own protection.

"The events surrounding the transfer of a maximum security prisoner in Dallas were regrettable," Norcross said. He referred to the fatal shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, described by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's assassin.

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

While Speck's arraignment is on Monday's circuit court docket, his attorney, Gerald W. Getty, chief of the public defender's office, has said he will ask for a continuance.

Getty also has said he will enter a plea that Speck is innocent by reason of insanity.