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IRS raids clinic near Des Plaines

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Dr. James Middleton, north-west suburban physician accused of drugging and sexually assaulting his women patients, was arrested by federal agents who said he had turned part of his clinic into a bomb factory.

Internal Revenue Service agents raided Dr. Middleton's clinic at 969 Elmhurst, near Des Plaines, late Friday and arrested him on charges of illegal possession of explosives.

Agents said they seized an 11-inch long pipe bomb and 1 to 20 pounds of gunpowder at the clinic.

The IRS agents said he told them he burned it when the pipe bomb exploded prematurely.

However, he later refused to

discuss the injuries when agents of the IRS's Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Tax Division attempted to question him in their offices at 35 Wacker.

A COOK COUNTY grand jury Tuesday indicted Dr. Middleton, 44, of 2808 N. Lake Shore Dr., on charges of deviate sexual assault against two of his women patients.

Sheriff's police raided the clinic Dec. 1 and arrested him after several women patients reported that he had given them a drug that put them in a stupor and then performed various sex acts on them.

He was freed on \$15,000 bond.

Police said they found numerous devices in the clinic used to sexually arouse women and that one of his treatment rooms was rigged with motion picture cameras and lights.

They said they found films of nude women, many of them believed to be Dr. Middleton's patients, lying on a medical treatment table as a male figure used the devices on them.

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