

Middleton trial

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Medic molested me: ex-patient

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A young woman has told a criminal court jury that Dr. James Middleton molested her with an electrical device and tried to fix her up with sex partners on several occasions while she was his patient.

Middleton, who had offices in Des Plaines, is on trial on charges of deviate sexual assault and aggravated battery against another former patient.

The young woman who testified Friday said she was given an injection every time she visited Middleton and was never told what her ailment was.

"I WAS DRAWSY, SLUGGISH . . . like I was drunk," she said, referring to the effect of the injections.

"I became very worried about what was wrong with me because I developed hair on my face and on my chin and my voice became lower."

The woman, an employe of a Loop insurance firm, testified that the last time she went to see Middleton was Sept 5, 1969, when, she said, he asked her to engage in an unnatural sex act.

The woman testified she "got dressed and I never went back."

Defense attorney Sam Adam, in cross-examination, asked her way she continued to visit after he made advances to her.

"I was naive . . . I didn't know any better," she answered.

The woman was the first of several of Middleton's former patients the state planned to put on the witness stand in an effort to prove that Middleton had a scheme to drug and molest women patients.