12/29/71 CHCO TRIB

Holds Doctor Unfit for Trial

Dr. James Middleton, 44, who is charged with drugging and sexually assaulting two of his female patients, is not mentally competent to stand trial, in the opinion of a court appointed psychiatrist who examined him.

A letter from the psychiatrist, Dr. Edward J. Kelleher, was entered into the Criminal Court record yesterday before Judge Robert J. Downing. Middleton, who lives at 2800 N. Lake Shore drive, had his medical office at 969S. Elmhurst Rd., Des Plaines.

Judge Downing, who must make the final determination, concerning Middleton's ability to stand trial, set a hearing for Jan. 3. Middleton's attorney, Edward Genson, said he would oppose a finding of incompetency which could result in Dr. Middleton's commitment to a mental hospital.

In Circuit Court, Judge Edward J. Egan ordered permanent revocation of Middleton's medical license. Middleton had filed suit Sept. 3 seeking to overturn the revocation of his license June 2 by the Illinois Department of Registration and Education.

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5:00 in Park Forest, Old Orchard, Oakbrook