

Detroit Nightmare: Ex-Sinai-Grace Nurse Accused in Shocking \$250M Sexual Assault Scandal!

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A former nurse at Detroit Medical Center's Sinai-Grace Hospital, Wilfredo Figueroa-Berrios, stands accused in a string of sexual assault allegations that have led to several lawsuits amassing to hundreds of millions of dollars. CBS News Detroit reported a \$150 million lawsuit filed this week, adding to an existing \$100 million suit related to accusations of sexual abuse by Berrios. The lawsuits allege not only the gross misconduct by the accused but also claim the healthcare system's failure in preventing the abuses, despite his concerning past involving previous terminations and arrests related to sexual misconduct.

According to attorney Tim Holland, who is representing several victims through Michigan Sexual Assault Lawyers, the total number of survivors impacted by Berrios' actions could potentially number in the hundreds. Holland was quoted as stating, "We truly believe that

the number of survivors could be in the hundreds, and we are encouraging each and every one of them to come forward," a sentiment that reflects the gravity and scope of the accusations. Alleged victims include both patients and fellow healthcare professionals, with a <u>ClickOnDetroit</u> report detailing that one victim was herself a nurse, which amplifies the betrayal felt within the medical community.

This growing scandal has shaken trust in Sinai-Grace Hospital, with lawsuits pointing to the institution's seemingly flawed screening and reporting procedures. Allegations suggest that Berrios was known for malpractice even before his stint at Sinai-Grace. Holland inferred that health systems failed to recognize red flags and, in turn, gave Berrios uninterrupted access to vulnerable patients. "Sinai Grace has betrayed their responsibility. They allowed a known predator unlimited access to patients," Holland stated in an interview with WXYZ.

In response to the mounting legal pressure, Sinai-Grace Hospital has repeatedly expressed its commitment to patient safety and cooperation with law enforcement. They insist that their employment screening processes are rigorous, and there was no forewarning of wrongdoing by Berrios. "There was no indication of a concern during that process," the hospital explained, in a statement obtained by multiple news sources, including CBS News Detroit. Meanwhile, Trinity Health Michigan, another institution that briefly employed Berrios in the past, distanced itself from the allegations, citing that its termination of Berrios was unrelated to the current claims.

As the legal and criminal investigations into Figueroa-Berrios' past and present actions expand, the nurse faces multiple criminal charges, now in the double digits. Central to the case are video evidence and positive rape kit results that point to a harrowing pattern of predation on patients. Publicly, both the accused and his former employer deny any wrongdoing, but the court of law will ultimately shed light on these dark allegations.