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### **Detroit nurse may have sexually assaulted 'hundreds' of victims, attorney says**

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#### **The Brief**

- More sex assault allegations against Wilfredo Figueroa-Berrios, a Detroit nurse, were detailed Tuesday morning.
- Figueroa-Berrios assaulted a patient after drugging her in July, legal counsel with Michigan Sexual Assault Lawyers said.
- Tim Holland said that Sinai Grace Hospital had also betrayed its patients by failing to protect them.

**DETROIT (FOX 2)** - The Detroit nurse already facing charges of sexual misconduct against patients at a hospital he worked at has been named in another lawsuit for a separate instance in July.

Wilfredo Figueroa-Berrios may have victimized "hundreds" of people, attorneys with the Michigan Sexual Assault Lawyers said during a press conference on Tuesday — and hoped a call to the public for more to come forward would reveal other victims. Additionally, attorney Tim Holland said that Sinai Grace had "betrayed" their responsibility to protect its patients.

#### **Alleged Sinai Grace hospital assaults**

Attorneys with the Michigan Sexual Assault Lawyers say they are representing two victims of Figueroa-Berrios, alleging at Tuesday's press conference that the nurse assaulted both of them after they visited the hospital for treatment.

One client has come forward publicly, Holland said, identifying her as Trejah Shines.

#### **Big picture view**

According to the lead counsel, Shines went to the hospital on July 25, 2025 where Figueroa-Berrios performed an unnecessary Pap smear. He then allegedly sedated her before Figueroa-Berrios assaulted her for an hour.

"In the hours after the assault, a rape kit was performed and was positive, based on the information we have," Holland said.

Shines reported the assault to police the following day and is cooperating with police. Holland said they are waiting to file a lawsuit for a second victim who was allegedly assaulted before Shines was.

Holland invited anyone else who believes they were the victim of Figueroa-Berrios's actions to reach out to them.

Michigan Sexual Assault Lawyers is a division of Michigan Auto Law.

### **Dig deeper**

Also named in the lawsuit are Sinai-Grace Hospital, VHS of Michigan, and Tenet Health Care, which owns the Detroit hospital facility for what Holland said was a failure to report Figueroa-Berrios's assaults multiple times.

"We think Sinai Grace had multiple chances to catch and prevent this," Holland said. In addition to a background check that would have revealed multiple charges relating to assault, they also failed to take note of the suspect's social media posts, which included "atrocious comments" about giving women breast exams.

Among the examples were comments about performing exams on women during a charity Race for the Cure event.

### **The backstory**

Figueroa-Berrios, 47, was a nurse at the Detroit Medical Center's (DMC) Sinai-Grace Hospital when the most recent allegations of abuse happened. Now, the DMC and parent company Tenet Healthcare are facing lawsuits.

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He is currently facing criminal sexual conduct charges for allegedly sexually [assaulting two of his patients in August](#). He's also accused of making lewd comments to one of the victims, who was being treated for alcoholism under his care on Aug. 18 and 19. Last week, attorneys with Flood Law and Fieger Law claimed Figueroa-Berrios has a history of violence and sex crimes.

Attorneys Todd Flood and James Harrington say that he was arrested in 2019 for assault, faced sexual assault accusations while working at a Livonia medical facility in 2020 and 2021, and has allegedly been fired from jobs for assaultive conduct.

According to Flood and Harrington, since their firms have filed lawsuits on behalf of Figueroa-Berrios' alleged victims, seven more victims had come forward with allegations against him.

A press release from Michigan Sexual Assault Lawyers said the newest accusations include allegations that Figueroa-Berrios performed unnecessary procedures, drugged patients, and more claims that have been described as "gruesome."

**The other side**

After the lawsuits were filed earlier this month, Sinai-Grace released a statement saying that there were no concerns uncovered about Figueroa-Berrios during the hospital's rigorous hiring process.

"The hospital has rigorous processes in place to screen applicants prior to employment. There was no indication of a concern during that process. We also have processes to identify and address patient safety issues and take appropriate action. Upon becoming aware of these allegations, Sinai-Grace proactively initiated contact with and notified law enforcement and suspended the employee, who has since been terminated. We do not condone any type of abuse and are cooperating fully with law enforcement. Federal privacy laws restrict us from sharing patient-specific information."