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Official charged in sex assault resigns from post

The chairman of the Bedminster Township Board of Supervisors resigned this week, a month after he was charged with sexually assaulting a 92-year-old woman in the dementia unit of a nursing home where he worked.

Robert Holland, 76, was charged with institutional sexual assault and other charges after employees at Pine Run Community Health Care Center said they saw him fondling the woman May 5.

He told police he had known the woman for many years and believed their relationship was consensual, a prosecutor said. But investigators said she suffered from severe dementia and could not give consent.

Holland, who faces more than 25 years in prison if convicted, has been fired from his longtime job as the home's groundskeeper. - AP



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