

Man arrested after sick girl, 15, is defiled

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Police are investigating an incident where a 15-year-old girl was defiled at a private hospital.

The Standard Seven pupil from Buuri district was sexually assaulted by a member of staff at Nanyuki Cottage Hospital last week on Monday night.

"It is true one of our support staff working in the wards is alleged to have sexually assaulted the girl at night," said the administrator, Mr Nicholas Habala.

He said the matter was with the police but they would take action against the suspect.

"It was wrong for him to attend to female patients in the wards. He told me he found the girl's leg hanging on the side of the bed and decided to help her since the minor had been sedated," said the administrator.

Hospital bill waived

Laikipia East police boss James Kithuka said the 47-year-old suspect was arrested and released on cash bail.

"We could not keep the suspect in the cells and we have to wait for results for the samples we sent to the Government Chemist to know whether we shall prefer charges against him," he said.

The girl's parents have petitioned the Government to take action against the hospital.

"I opted to take my first born daughter to the best medical facility in the area so that she could get the best treatment after she collapsed while in school. But what she has got is sexual assault which will haunt her for the rest of her life," said the father.

He said the hospital waived the bill yesterday when she was discharged.