

# Bellevue Dentist Charged With Rape, Sexual Misconduct



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A Bellevue dentist has been charged with rape and related crimes for allegedly sexually assaulting three young women working at his dental clinic.

King County prosecutors believe that Mercer Island resident Dr. Kam Derakshani attacked the women at his business, Bellevue Advanced Dental Clinic, and threatened their jobs if they reported him to authorities, according to SeattlePI.com.

Derakshani has been charged with third-degree rape and unlawful imprisonment, as well as indecent liberties, and prosecutors have asked that he be held on \$50,000 bail, though he has not been jailed in the case.

According to the state, which suspended his dental license in August, Derakshani's employees say that he made unwelcome sexual contact, touching the private parts of his employees

The three young women went to police in March after he pinned one woman against a wall and touched her genitals, a Bellevue Police detective told the court. The news website said a subsequent investigation uncovered myriad allegations against Derakshani, 48, who is charged with sexually assaulting all three employees.

According to charging documents, one of the women told police she went to Derakshani for the first time in late 2011. Having diagnosed her with several cavities, Derakshani treated her teeth and ultimately hired her to work for him.

Derakshani, a 48-year-old Mercer Island resident, groped the woman on her first day at work, and continued doing so on a daily basis in the weeks that followed, the Bellevue detective said in court documents.