

**Inmate At Daviess/DeKalb Jail Charged With Hitting Man 240 Times**  
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(newspressnow.com) - A Centerville, Iowa, man is facing a charge of elder abuse for allegedly assaulting his cellmate at the Daviess/DeKalb Regional Jail earlier this month.



Jared Nachtigal, 23, was charged with first-degree elder abuse, a Class A felony, July 18. The charge is connected to an incident that occurred July 2 at the Pattonsburg, Mo., jail.

Mr. Nachtigal allegedly "attempted to kill or cause serious physical injury" to Gary Crose, 63, of Kansas City, according to the criminal complaint.

Within a 10-minute time span the afternoon of July 2, Mr. Nachtigal allegedly hit Mr. Crose more than 240 times in the head and face, causing serious injury. The attack took place while Mr. Crose was lying in his bunk.

The probable cause statement said the repeated strikes caused injuries including facial swelling, bruising, lacerations, abrasions, bleeding and multiple facial bone fractures that required hospital evaluation.

Court records show Mr. Nachtigal was being held at the jail for another jurisdiction, Appanoose County, Iowa. He was charged there with harassment of a government mental health employee, third-degree assault and first-degree assault.

Daviess County Sheriff Ben Becerra said Mr. Nachtigal had been held at the jail since May 19.

Mr. Crose is being held at the jail in connection with Daviess County charges filed in May, including six counts of misdemeanor passing a bad check.

Mr. Nachtigal's bond was set at \$85,000. He first appeared in court Monday morning.

The incident occurred weeks after Janet Harris of Maysville, Mo., filed a federal wrongful death suit against jail staff and other law enforcement officials who provide oversight.

The suit alleges that jailers denied medical treatment for a severe lung infection to Timothy Harris, 36, while he was incarcerated at the jail.

The suit alleges Mr. Harris' condition declined after his May 8 arrest, and he wasn't released to Cameron Regional Medical Center until June 2 for care. There, he was resuscitated twice before being routed by air ambulance to St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. He died on the trip.