



Boston City Council
ED FLYNN
Councilor - District 2

January 6, 2026

Dr. Alastair Bell, President & CEO
Boston Medical Center
One Boston Medical Center Pl
Boston, MA 02118

RE: Alleged Emergency Room Rape

Dear President Bell,

I am writing in regards to the disturbing reports of rape and sexual assault of a patient at Boston Medical Center that occurred in the emergency room in the evening of September 13th to September 14th, 2025. Reportedly, the alleged assailant slipped into a partially paralyzed female patient's room while she was recovering from surgery, removed her medical monitors and raped her. It is my understanding that the alleged assailant was supposed to be on a Section 12 hold for mental illness and under constant supervision by hospital staff at the time of the attack.

Yesterday, the defendant appeared in Suffolk Superior Court and pled not guilty to charges of two counts of rape, one count of indecent assault and battery on a person over 14, one count of assault and battery on a person with a disability, and one count of witness intimidation.

It is unconscionable that a horrific and violent sexual assault took place on a defenseless patient. The safety and security of patients and staff at the hospital must come before all else, and cannot be ignored any longer. It is critical that hospital leadership make immediate changes and upgrades to the security department to prevent similarly unsettling incidents from ever taking place again. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov, or in the alternative at 617-635-3203.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2