



Boston City Council
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Councilor - District 2

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Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Executive Director
Boston Public Health Commission
One Boston Medical Center Pl
Boston, MA 02118

RE: Request for Committee on Safety & Security at Boston Hospitals

Dear Dr. Ojikutu,

I am writing in regards to the disturbing reports of rape and sexual assault of a patient at Boston Medical Center (BMC) 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.

On Monday, 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. In light of this disturbing incident, as well as a recent stabbing at BMC on December 10th, I am respectfully requesting that the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) provide leadership in security affairs with hospitals in the City of Boston. In my opinion, the BPHC should establish a committee that would provide an independent review of security plans at every Boston hospital and healthcare facility to ensure the safety and security of all patients and staff.

At this time, it is critical that the city works with hospital leadership to make immediate changes and upgrades to their security department to prevent similarly unsettling incidents from ever taking place again.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2