

State Unsure How Many Sex Offenders Are in Nursing Homes

The commissioner of Minnesota's corrections department, Joan Fabian, said Wednesday that her department doesn't know how many convicted sex offenders are being held in nursing homes around the state.

House members questioned Fabian as part of their investigation into why at least five sex offenders were housed in a private Minneapolis facility along with vulnerable adults. Two women were allegedly abused.

Last week, Fabian said the Concordia Care Center and a state-run facility near Walker were the only ones to house sex offenders. But Wednesday, she said her office has never collected the information and aides are working to get it from state and county probation officers.

The topic erupted last week after Attorney General Mike Hatch filed a lawsuit against Concordia alleging at least two women were abused.