

## Conn. doctor pleads not guilty to sex charges

A Connecticut doctor pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges of sexually assaulting three female patients at a clinic in Clinton, and a prosecutor said he is facing more charges.

Dr. Tory Westbrook, 43, of Glastonbury is accused of assaulting three patients at the Community Health Center from 2010 to last January. He is free on bail.

Prosecutor Peter McShane said in Middletown Superior Court that Westbrook faces at least five more warrants for his arrest that were signed Tuesday by Judge Susan Handy.

"This has been a very large case with a very large number of complainants," McShane said, the Hartford Courant reported.

Handy agreed to keep the original arrest warrants until Aug. 14 as prosecutors continue their investigation.

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**Pattis** has said that the accusers are complaining about "their subjective experience" during physical exams.

Westbrook, the husband of a Superior Court judge, was appointed last year to the governor's health care advisory panel, and has also served on a state health care commission.

Westbrook left the clinic in February to become medical director of the Charter Oak Health Center in Hartford, where he is on administrative leave. ■