

Man charged with dealing out of Walgreens bathroom

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RACINE — A 56-year-old Racine man has been charged in Racine County Circuit Court for allegedly dealing narcotics out of a Walgreens bathroom.

James A. Wilson of 3200 Erie St. was charged with possession with intent to deliver narcotics and attempted delivery of narcotics. He faces up to 22 years in prison if convicted.

According to the criminal complaint, in August of 2007 Racine police were called to Walgreens, 1920 Douglas Ave. An employee there told officers he had noticed a man, later identified as Wilson, entering the public men's restroom often, then exiting almost immediately. Wilson never purchased anything. The employee noticed that another person would always enter the store a short time later, go through a similar routine and then leave the store.

The employee began to watch Wilson more closely and began to suspect he was concealing narcotics in the bathroom, and the second person who showed up was there to retrieve the items.

The employee determined that the drugs were being placed on an emergency backup floodlight.

A few weeks later the employee followed Wilson into the bathroom and retrieved a plastic baggy containing several different types of pills from the top of the floodlight. When another man went to the bathroom, apparently to take the drugs, they weren't there. This man called Wilson, who was standing outside the store. Wilson then left the area.

A pharmacist at Walgreens identified the recovered pills at Oxycontin.

Wilson was recently taken into custody. He is schedule to be back in court for a preliminary hearing in June.