

Catholic priest wins over attacker

GREAT FALLS (AP) — Police say a 65-year-old Catholic priest wrestled a 38-year-old attacker to the floor of St. Ann's Catholic Church and sat on him until officers arrived.

The Rev. Martin Burke received cuts to his face during the altercation early Saturday morning, police said. He was treated at a local hospital and then released.

Police said that Gary Allen Van Voast was arrested on suspicion of assault, burglary and criminal mischief and was to appear in Justice Court on Monday. He was jailed in lieu of \$55,000 bond.

Police said Burke was asleep in his bedroom when he heard a loud noise and saw a man break through the bedroom door.

Burke told police he got out of bed, and the man chased him down a hallway into a dining room.

Burke said the man threw him to the floor, struck him in the face and attempted to gouge his eyes. Burke said he managed to free himself and pinned the man to the floor while a nun who was in the church called police.

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