

Thief thought of rape, murder

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An Oshkosh man accused of stealing women's undergarments and sending them threatening letters told police he considered himself a sexual predator and admitted he was close to committing more serious crimes — including rape and murder — but that his religious beliefs prevented him from follow-

ing through. Man admits to threatening women after stealing underwear

Christopher J. Sullivan, 43, was arrested after a neighbor told police that she saw him using a ladder to access an upstairs apartment in the 2100 block of West Ninth Avenue on Aug. 19.

According to the complaint, Sullivan burglarized residences in the area of West Ninth Av-

enue and Graceland Drive between October 2005 and Aug. 20. He would enter the residence when the women were not home and take their undergarments and photographs.



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When Sullivan spoke to detectives, he admitted to committing five burglaries.

Sullivan told police that on a number of occasions he would return or mail the items back to his victims. Some of the letters he sent included pictures of Barbie dolls with their heads removed and threatening statements,

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which Sullivan told police were intended to scare the women. One letter included the state-

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ment, "your head will be cut off, skinned, boiled, baked, we will have your skull at our table of sacrifice," the complaint states.

He said there was a fine line between his behavior and actually raping and killing someone. He said he "found himself approaching that line," but that his religion prevented him from actually following through and committing the more violent crimes because it was a "grave sin to rape and murder," the complaint states.

When officers searched Sullivan's residence in the 800 block of Grace-land Avenue, they found photographs, magazines and videos along with three headless Barbie dolls that appeared to be the same ones that were in the letters sent to Sullivan's victims.

Sullivan was charged in Winnebago County Circuit Court Wednesday with five counts of burglary. If convicted, Sullivan faces 62 years, six months in prison and \$125,000 in fines.

Although Sullivan does not have a prior criminal record, Winnebago County Assistant District Attorney John Jorgenson requested Sullivan be held at the Winnebago County Jail in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond because of a strong need to protect the public.

"He classified himself as a sexual predator and said that there was fine line between where he was at and murder and rape," Jorgenson said.

Winnebago County Court Commissioner Daniel Bissett adjourned the bond hearing until today after Sullivan requested that his attorney Len Kachinsky be present at the hearing.