

Acid attack suspect arrested

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A New Brunswick man, a patient of psychiatric social worker Steve Mokone, has been arrested in connection with an acid attack on Mokone's estranged wife's attorney in New York Oct. 8.

The suspect, 41-year-old Isaiah Campbell, was arrested at his 105 Howard St. home yesterday by detectives from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office and the New York City Police Department.

He waived extradition before Superior Court Judge John E. Bachman and was returned to New York City, where he is awaiting action by a grand jury there, according to Assistant Middlesex County Prosecutor Joyce Munkacsi.

New York authorities have been investigating the Oct. 8 sulfuric acid attack on attorney Ann Marie Boylan of Englewood.

As the attorney stood outside her New York apartment, someone yelled: "Lady, look here." As Ms. Boylan turned around, acid was thrown in her face, "which has been all but de-

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stroyed," and required several operations and plastic surgery, according to Mrs. Munkacsi.

Ms. Boylan's eyesight also was damaged, but partially saved because she had been wearing eyeglasses, according to Mrs. Munkacsi.

A motive for the attack on Ms. Boylan, the wife of a New York detective, was not revealed by authorities.

Ms. Boylan's client, 41-year-old Joyce also was the victim of a corrosive liquid attack outside a friend's Piscataway home Nov. 20, and her estranged husband has been charged with the crime.

Steve Mokone, 45, of East Brunswick, who had worked as a psychiatric social worker at the Rutgers Community Mental Health Center, is being held on \$100,000 bail at Middlesex County Jail. He has been charged with atrocious assault while armed, assault with an offensive weapon (lye), illegal possession of a weapon (lye), and possession of a weapon with intent to commit

a crime.

A Middlesex County grand jury indicted him in February on all those charges.

Mrs. Mokone was a nursing supervisor at a large New York City hospital and has moved from Piscataway to an undisclosed municipality in the area. Her left eye was damaged in the Nov. 20 attack, Mrs. Munkacsi said.

She was estranged for more than a year from her husband, who holds a master's degree in social work. Mokone also claimed to be an assistant professor of psychiatry at Middlesex County College, Edison, but a school spokesman said no such position exists.

When Mokone's trial here, scheduled to begin Sept. 11, has been completed, he will be handed over to Maryland authorities for a trial on charges of attempted breaking and entering and possession of burglary tools at the home of another woman he took as his wife while still married to Joyce Mokone.

Maryland authorities found a can of lye and a pint of sulfuric acid in Mokone's car when they arrested him in Capitol Hill, Md. Oct. 14.