

# Woman faces assault charge

Police say she admitted trying to cause a fatal heart attack by poisoning husband's IV

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A Fulton woman accused of trying to kill her husband by poisoning him while he was staying at St. Mary's Health Center Thursday has been charged by the Cole County Prosecutor's Office.

Prosecutor Bill Tackett said Millie Ray Edwards, 35, is charged with first-degree assault, which carries a penalty of 5-15 years in prison, if convicted.

"It was clear from the police probable cause statement that she was trying to cause death or serious injury," he said.

In the statement, police say Edwards admitted using a syringe to place a foreign substance, identified as "Oops! All Purpose Remover," in her husband's IV line. The defendant told officers she had purchased the substance at the Jefferson City Wal-Mart and was planning to place it in her husband's

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water or soda in hopes of causing a heart attack to kill her husband.

Edwards remains in the Cole County Jail on \$1 million bond.

A nurse noticed a strange odor and found a cloudy substance in the victim's IV.

Glenda Dahlstrom, who oversees the nursing department at St. Mary's, said she's proud of the nurse and the rest of the staff on duty Thursday morning when this happened.

"They don't feel like they're heroes," she said. "They face life and death situations every day."

Dahlstrom says proper training helped the staff know that something was wrong.