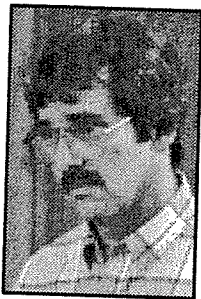


stable condition, which the hospital said was normal point. Norwood said it "could be a matter of weeks" or days before she is disconnected from a ventilator and breathes unassisted.

Priest pleads innocent in Bergen on two charges of exposing himself



WALSH

HACKENSACK — A New York priest pleaded innocent Tuesday to exposing himself to young boys on two occasions, marking the second arraignment on sex charges in less than a week for a Roman Catholic cleric arrested in Bergen County.

"It's a bad coincidence," Bergen County Prosecutor John Fahy said after Peter Walsh was arraigned Tuesday.

Walsh, the 42-year-old pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Troy, N.Y., about 10 miles north of Albany, faces four counts of sexual assault and one count of criminal sexual contact stemming from the alleged incidents Sunday and Monday.

The alleged incidents occurred in Lyndhurst, where he was on vacation, visiting his mother.

Superior Court Judge Peter Doyne set bail for Walsh at \$5,000 and released him on his own recognizance. Walsh, a priest since 1980, would not speak with reporters after his arraignment.

He was not wearing his collar but wore a blue-and-white, short-sleeved shirt with blue pants and sandals.

Walsh, who comes from the Franciscan order of priests, has been placed on administrative leave following the arrest, said Father Martin Fisher, vice chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany.

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