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SUSPECT IN SHOWER SPYING TO BE TRIED COPS SAY HE VIDEOTAPED WOMAN, FACES 2 YEARS

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A man accused of spying on his daughter's 18-year-old friend as she showered in their Royal Oak home was ordered Wednesday to stand trial for eavesdropping, a 2-year felony.

Golden Blount, 41, who recently moved to Rochester Hills, was bound over for arraignment June 5 in Oakland County Circuit Court, said Deputy Circuit Court Administrator Libby Evans.

Blount was arrested in April after his daughter's friend gave police a videotape showing her in the shower. She also gave officers a concealed video camera she found in the home's bathroom and a letter from Blount apologizing, according to testimony.

The friend sublet a bedroom from Blount, she testified May 5. Violations of Michigan's eavesdropping law are punishable by up to 2 years in prison and up to a \$2,000 fine upon conviction, court officials have said.

In the hearing before District Judge Daniel Sawicki at 44th District Court, Blount's lawyer Scott Weinberg of Clinton Township said his client had done no wrong. Blount remains free on bond but can have no further contact with his daughter, who has continued to live with Blount since his arrest, Weinberg said.

Weinberg accused police of breaking into Blount's home without a search warrant. But Royal Oak Police Chief Mel Johnson said officers entered the house believing the videotaped woman was in trouble after a call from her mom.

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