

# Nonprofit mulls changes in wake of sex assault charges

## Accused Valparaiso group home caregiver due in court today

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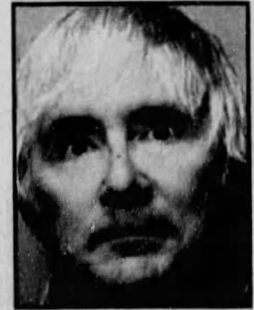
**VALPARAISO** | The organization that employed a caregiver charged last week with sexually assaulting a mentally disabled young man at a Valparaiso group home said it performs

background checks on all employees and never before had a substantiated case of a client being abused.

"I've never seen anything like this before, and I've been here 26 years," said Herbert Grulke, executive director of InPact Inc.

Grulke said InPact is a private, nonprofit corporation that uses Medicaid funding and, to a lesser extent, donations, to provide group home care and other services for people with developmental disabilities.

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**MICHAEL RITCHIE**, of Valparaiso, is accused of molesting a man with Down syndrome.

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