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2 SCHOOL WORKERS FACE ABUSE CHARGE

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PITTSFIELD -- Two workers at a Stockbridge school for emotionally troubled teens have pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from a medication overdose suffered by an 18-year-old student. Marcus Pritchett, 37, and JoAnn McIntyre, 29, both of Stockbridge and employees of the DeSisto School, were arraigned in Berkshire Superior Court on a single count each of abuse or neglect of a disabled person resulting in bodily injury. They were released pending a pretrial hearing March 3. Authorities have said only...

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URGED TO REBUFF SON, PARENTS SAY HE WAS RAPED WHILE ON THE RUN

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When a student runs away from the DeSisto School -- the $46,000-a-year therapeutic school in the Berkshires that has been the target of state abuse investigations and dozens of lawsuits -- parents are told not to take their children back home or even to accept their phone calls.

It's called ``street therapy,'' according to the father of a former student. But while toughing it out on the streets during Hurricane Andrew after running away from a DeSisto program, the man's son was raped and attacked a

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HARD LESSONS AT SCHOOL FOR THE TROUBLED PARENTS DIVIDED ON DESISTO METHODS

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STOCKBRIDGE -- Whenever Nathaniel Davies tried to run away

from his $46,000-a-year-boarding school here, staff and students would chase him down, throw him to the ground and beat him. Afterward, he says, they would ``corner'' him, forcing him to face a wall and beg for forgiveness.

Davies, now 21 and earning straight A's at another school, considers his treatment abuse. But officials at The DeSisto School say they are only teaching troubled teen-agers a lesson, one that is uncomfortable but necessary.

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