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Plea bargain angers former employee who said Warren dentist molested her

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A Warren dentist who allegedly sexually harassed several of his female office workers is going to walk away from justice, a female worker who brought charges against him said Wednesday.

Dr. Ronald Miller faces sentencing Friday on fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct charges. He was accused of groping, grabbing and gyrating his body against several women who worked in his office.

Michele Fox, 30, a Warren mother of two, said Miller, who is in his 50s, "groped me, grabbed my thighs, pushed his pelvis up against me when my back was turned, tried to hug and kiss me ..." in at least two incidents in 1994. Fox worked at Miller's practice as a dental assistant from 1992-94.

Fox said she is angry because Miller worked out a plea bargain with a Macomb County assistant prosecutor in which Miller doesn't admit guilt, and she will not get an opportunity to face him in court.

Fox and several of her supporters rallied outside the Macomb County Circuit Court building Wednesday in an attempt to get Circuit Judge Michael Schwartz to reject the plea bargain.

"I'm just appalled that I didn't have my day in court to have this man answer to me and what he did to everyone else," Fox said. "He took a lot of rights from me."

Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga said Wednesday night that it's a good possibility the plea bargain could be withdrawn and Miller be ordered to stand trial because of confusion over whether or not Fox

agreed to the terms of the agreement.

Miller declined comment Wednesday night.

Fox's attorney, David Moffitt, blasted Assistant Macomb County Prosecutor Stephen Kaplan for offering Miller the plea bargain in which Miller could escape a conviction and punishment.

"I call it a peck on the cheek," Moffitt said. "This is a gift."

"The interest of the victim was overlooked. She was victimized a second time by the assistant prosecutor affording this incredibly lenient plea bargain to Dr. Miller."

Fox said: "I feel like my rights weren't taken into consideration by the prosecuting attorney. I went through the trauma of going to the police to prosecute this man."