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39-year-old Flint man charged with assault for abusing mentally challenged man

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FLINT -- A 39-year-old man is behind bars for allegedly abusing a mentally challenged man for a year-long period.

Joshua R. DeMott is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm and vulnerable adult abuse in the first degree, according to the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office.

The mentally challenged man, 35, told police that DeMott, who is a neighbor, was abusing him for a year-long period. The victim reported that DeMott punched, kicked and burned him with cigarettes.

Sgt. William Meyer said the latest assault took place Nov. 9. The victim ended up in the hospital and needed 10 staples for his head. The victim is still in the hospital, Meyer said.

Meyer said it appears DeMott was taking "advantage of someone that was easy to take advantage of."