

# Norcross man has six wives, police say

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A Norcross area man who married six women to enable them to live in the United States legally has been charged with five counts of bigamy, police said.

Alvin Murdock was in jail Wednesday on \$7,200 bond. He also was charged with marijuana possession. In July, Murdock was arrested on charges of aggravated assault

and cruelty to children, according to his booking sheet on the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department Web site.

Gwinnett County police spokesman Cpl. Darren Moloney said police received a tip from a Superior Court judge of a possible bigamy case. Investigators paid a visit to Murdock, 38. From Murdock's statements and other elements of the investigation, Moloney said, police concluded his intent was to allow the women to stay in the

United States.

Moloney said he had heard of bigamy cases, but "not like this."

Said the spokesman, "Don't ask me why someone would marry six women."

The women have not been charged, Moloney said. He did not know if they all lived at the same residence.

Under the Marriage Fraud Act, the women face deportation and a permanent ban on re-entering the country if they

were aware of the alleged activity, said Karen Weinstock, managing attorney of Siskind Susser Bland, an immigration law firm.

If convicted, Murdock faces a minimum of one year in prison for each charge. He could also face federal charges.

"They're pretty much going to be under the scrutiny of the Department of Homeland Security, first of all," Weinstock said. "Marriage fraud is a major deal."