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A 41-year-old man has been remanded in custody charged with the murder of a suspected paedophile.

Martin Goldrick, of Rhodes Crescent, Kirkholt, Rochdale, Greater Manchester, spoke only to confirm his name and date of birth during the four-minute hearing at Rochdale Magistrates Court.

Partially-blind George Crawford, 64, was found battered to death at his home on the Kirkholt estate in Rochdale on December 21.

He had been due to appear at Manchester Crown Court next month over allegations that he abused four children in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Mr Crawford, who had no previous convictions for sex abuse, was expected to deny the charges.

Magistrates remanded Goldrick in custody until January 28 when he will appear at Manchester Crown Court.

No application for bail was made and reporting restrictions were not lifted.

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