Student reports rape at frat house

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A 19-year-old Ohio State woman said she was raped in the early hours of Sunday morning at the Chi Phi fraternity house on Indiana Avenue, according to Columbus police.

Police haven’t made an arrest yet in the alleged rape, but say they are investigating the report.

The victim, who did not want her name used, said she was forced to have sex with a man she did not know.

The suspect is not a member of the fraternity, said Tracy Stuck, OSU coordinator of greek affairs. However, he is an acquaintance and co-worker of a Chi Phi member.

“I’d never seen him before,” the victim said. “I did not consent to this. I said ‘no.’”

Sexual abuse detective Ken Lawson said the department is still investigating the incident, and has yet to interview the victim since the night she was attacked. Lawson also said lab results won’t be available for a few more days.

The victim told the Lantern she was attending a party at the Chi Phi house with an out-of-town friend who knew one of the fraternity members. She said she had been drinking and was intoxicated.

According to the victim, she was alone in a room with the suspect when he attacked her. She said she attempted to fight off the man, who she described as about 21-years-old, small to medium build, with brown hair.

During the attack, members of the fraternity stormed in the room, saw what was happening, and pulled the man off of her, the victim said.

She said the fraternity members then “beat up” her attacker and threw him out of the house. Fraternity members then called police.

Victim advocate, Willa Young, of Women’s Student Services, was called in to help.

Young and Stuck arrived to find everyone, including Chi Phi members, visibly shaken. Chi Phi President Troy Stevens declined to comment until meeting with his alumni adviser.

The victim said she hopes police vigorously pursue arrest and prosecution of her attacker. “I want him to pay for what he did,” she said. However, she said she does not blame the fraternity members for what happened.

“They offered to be witnesses in court and drove my friend to the hospital afterward,” she said.

Bill Hall, assistant vice president for student affairs, said the fraternity has been helpful to the police and university officials in providing information.

“I think they couldn’t have been more responsible,” Hall said. “The president of the fraternity acted appropriately by calling the police. Their response was very pro-active.”

Advocates for the victim also were very upset with what they saw that night.

“As a woman, it’s one of those things that I never want to see again,” Stuck said.

The victim said she is not doing well, and is having trouble sleeping at night. She also said that whenever she thinks of the attack, she shakes. She plans to seek counseling through the university.

“We will provide on-going support if the victim requests it,” Hall said.
Ohio State rape victim wants attacker jailed

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Columbus police have not arrested the man who raped an Ohio State woman nine days ago at the Chi Phi fraternity house, even though witnesses to the incident gave them his name and phone number.

Police are investigating the case, said Detective Ken Lawson.

Troy Stevens, president of Chi Phi fraternity, said members of his fraternity can positively identify the suspect, a co-worker of a fraternity member.

Stevens said the fraternity has not been contacted by the police since the incident occurred. He added that fraternity members are willing to provide information, and are willing to testify, should the case make it to trial.

"We gave the police his name and phone number," Stevens said. "The guy called back later that night while the police were still at our house wanting to get a shirt he left here."

Stevens, 21, an economics major from Columbus, said he walked into the recreation room at the fraternity house early Oct. 1 and saw the suspect on top of the victim.

The victim, a 19-year-old freshman, looked unconscious, he said.

The victim, who does not want to be identified, said the suspect forced her to have intercourse. She had never seen the man before that night, she said.

"I don't know why he did this to me," she said. "I didn't talk to him hardly all night. I didn't even know his name."

Members of the fraternity pulled the suspect off the victim and called the police, Stevens said. There was a confrontation between the suspect and fraternity members. The suspect was then thrown out of the house, Stevens said.

"If I didn't get him off the premises, I was afraid they would beat him 'til no end," he said.

The victim said she wants police to arrest and charge the man who raped her.

"I definitely want him to go to jail for this," she said.

If the case goes to trial, the victim said it will be difficult to relive what has happened to her. She is willing to do so however, to see her attacker punished, she said.

"I think people need to do what I'm doing more. They should go through with it. No matter how bad it hurts because he's just going to do it again otherwise. He's going to keep doing it until something is done to stop him," she said.

"Telling my parents helped me make the decision to go through with this. It isn't right... he shouldn't have done what he has done. He should have left me alone to begin with," she said.
Gahanna man charged in attack on OSU woman at fraternity party

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A Gahanna man was charged Monday with sexual battery in connection with an attack on an Ohio State student that occurred at a campus-area fraternity house, according to court records.

Kelly Marvin, 20, 726 Ronson Ave., met the 19-year-old woman at the Chi Phi fraternity house Oct. 1. Shortly after the meeting the incident occurred, said Sgt. Jeff Sacksteder, of the Columbus police department’s sexual abuse squad.

According to the complaint filed with the Franklin County Municipal Court, Marvin had sexual intercourse with the victim knowing that the “victim’s ability to appraise the nature of her own conduct was substantially impaired.” The victim was intoxicated, the complaint said.

Marvin was not charged with rape because of the woman’s condition, Sacksteder said. Sexual battery is a third-degree felony.

Marvin is not a member of the fraternity and is not an OSU student. The woman did not know Marvin, Sacksteder said.

After the attack, members of the fraternity beat up Marvin, Sacksteder said.

Marvin was arrested Monday and is being held in the Franklin County Correctional Center in lieu of $75,000 bond.

The woman told the Lantern last week that she attended the party at 2000 Indianola Ave. with a friend who knew one of the fraternity members.

The victim said she was alone in a room with the suspect when he attacked her. She said she attempted to fight him off, but was unsuccessful.