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'RAPE FACTORY'

Lawsuit says multiple rapes happened at frat house

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS These are the pictures K.S. took of her neck following an alleged sex assault inside a frat house near Stockton University.



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The exterior of the Pi Kappa Phi frat house in

Egg Harbor City.

The civil lawsuit, filed last week, alleges that an 18-year-old female identified by the initials K.S. was raped in the bathroom of a frat house after preventing the man from taking advantage of her drunk friend.

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The lawsuit claims Madle is a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, which is also named as a defendant in the suit along with Stockton University.

Madle's LinkedIn profile also stated that he was a member of Pi Kappa Phi, but it has since been updated to remove that affiliation after The Trentonian first reported last

week that he was accused of raping a different Stockton student in her college dorm room.

The fraternity, which Stockton University stopped recognizing in 2010, says Madle is not a member.

"Pi Kappa Phi closed its chapter at Stockton University in May 2010," Mark Timmes, Chief Executive Officer for the fraternity, said via email last week. "At that time, all student members were directed to cease and desist any activities in the name of Pi Kappa Phi. The defendants named in this lawsuit are not members of Pi Kappa Phi. The fraternity does not have any further comment on the pending litigation."

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The banner says "Welcome to the Pi Kappa Phi House" and has a Natural Light beer logo printed on it as well.

The property appears to have been abandoned, as evident by a broken window and unlocked doors. But someone has definitely lived in the house within the past year.

The smell of months-old body odor dominates the house, which still contains furniture, clothes, books, games, televisions, music equipment and a plethora of fraternity paddles.

Pictures of Pi Kappa Phi members from the mid1990s and early-2000s decorate the walls.

A gas mask bong, other drug paraphernalia and liquor bottles were found in the bedrooms.

This newspaper was not able to immediately determine who owns the property.

Despite not being recognized by the college for the past eight years, it appears Madle and others were indeed telling Stockton students that the fraternity is active on campus.

"We have pictures of guys still wearing the Greek letters," K.S.'s attorney Robert Fuggi said Monday in a phone conversation. "It operated just like any other fraternity. If they didn't want them to operate at Stockton, they should not have allowed them to have merchandise with their emblems on them. They should've said, 'We don't operate here, you can't use these things and if need be we'll get a court order that says you can't identify yourself with this fraternity.' They did nothing and they accepted it, so they're going to be ultimately responsible."

The lawsuit says K.S. first met Madle in October last year at the Pi Kappa Phi house located within a 10-minute drive of Stockton's campus.

"Mostly every month Pi Kappa Phi would hold a house party where many Stockton students would attend," the lawsuit says. "At these parties, only female students were invited and they were known amongst the fraternity brothers as 'p***y parties."

K.S. drank beer and "Jungle Juice" at the party, which she attended along with a friend. Then, at some point in the evening, the lawsuit says, Madle pulled K.S. and her friend into a bedroom where he and K.S.

started kissing.

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Eventually, Madle put on a condom, the lawsuit says, but became "more physically aggressive" as the sexual act progressed.

"He began to hit, bite and choke K.S. without her consent," the lawsuit says. "She told Madle to stop but he did not."

K.S. blacked out during the alleged assault, the lawsuit says, and later learned that her friend had fled the room during the ordeal. After she returned to her dorm, K.S. took pictures of the bruises she allegedly suffered at the hands of Madle.

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Then, about three weeks later, K.S. and a different friend attended another party at the frat house.

"A lot of these women don't understand there are nefarious motives going on at these parties," Fuggi said when asked why his client visited the frat house a second time after allegedly being raped. "She didn't realize they were using these parties to get women drunk and incapacitated so they could take advantage of them until afterward."

The lawsuit says K.S. avoided Madle the second time she attended a frat party at the house. So, Madle focused his attention on K.S.'s friend, who was highly intoxicated from Jungle Juice, the lawsuit says.

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"She's drunk, leave her alone," K.S. allegedly told Madle when she walked into the bedroom and saw terror on her friend's face. "Look at her face! She's too drunk, leave her alone."

Madle then threw the girls' phones against the wall and wouldn't let them leave or call for help, the lawsuit alleges. So, K.S. tried to physically remove her friend from the room.

"This made Madle extremely angry," the lawsuit says. "He then forcibly grabbed K.S. on the bed and got on top of her and said, 'If I can't have her, I'll have you.'"

The lawsuit alleges Madle then forced K.S. into the bathroom against her will, locked the door and raped her, while slamming her head against the mirror during the assault.

"K.S. believes the attack and sexual assault lasted approximately 10 minutes," the lawsuit says. "She cried throughout the entirety of the rape at the hands of Madle and told him 'No'."

When K.S. walked out of the bathroom, her friend was still on the bed crying, according to the lawsuit.

Court documents say the two girls left the party via Uber, and that a Pi Kappa Phi member who lived in the frat house later apologized to K.S. for what happened and promised that Madle would be banned from future parties "because of his out of control conduct."

K.S. later reported the sexual assault to the proper authorities, according to the lawsuit which says she has been in regular therapy since the incident.

After this newspaper reported last week that Madle was accused of raping a Stockton University student in her freshman dorm room, a college spokesperson said it had "referred the matter to the New Jersey Attorney General's Office for representation and investigation of the underlying claims" and declined to comment further due to pending litigation.

"The Stockton University president and the board of trustees must be proactive in this situation and remedy it for these young women and others," Fuggi said. "If they don't, it will eventually undermine the integrity of the institution and lead to its demise."

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"From the first-hand accounts I have been receiving, it appears Stockton was a rape factory," Fuggi said. "There's probably a lot more out there who have not come forward yet. We're hoping these stories will give some of these women the courage to come out and share what happened to them."