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SEX ASSAULT

Stockton EMT accused of raping student who sought his help, lawsuit says

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A Stockton University Emergency Medical Technician is the latest person accused of raping a freshman student who was allegedly drugged at a frat party hosted by a rogue group claiming to be members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

The new lawsuit is the fourth one filed in the past month by women who all have similar stories of how they were raped after attending parties at an off-campus frat house within a 10-minute drive of the college.

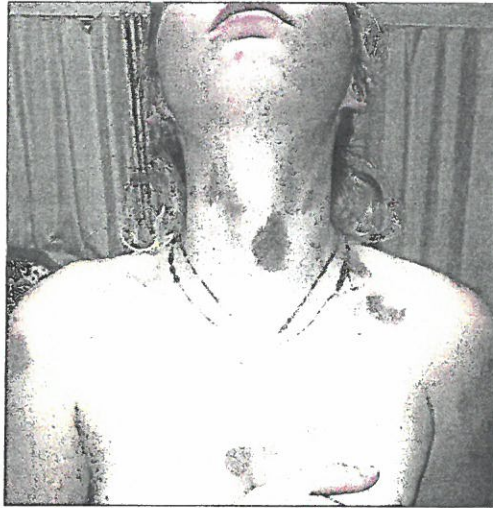
The latest victim to come forward says she sought help and comfort from a fellow student and college EMT, who instead gave her more alcohol and raped her just hours after she was drugged and sexually assaulted at a Pi Kappa Phi party.

Along with the college and the fraternity, Stockton student William Murphy is named as a defendant in the lawsuit filed last week, which accuses him of raping the woman on two separate occasions.

"The defendant was someone who this woman looked to for comfort and protection, but he used that to prey upon her when she was distraught," the victim's attorney Robert Fuggi said.

According to the lawsuit, in September last year, the victim — identified by the initials S.U. — and a couple friends attended a Pi Kappa Phi frat party in Egg Harbor City, where she was given two beers by associates of the fraternity.

Stockton stopped recognizing Pi Kappa Phi as a fraternity in 2010 for not following university policies and regulations. The chief executive officer of the



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frat claims the defendants named in the lawsuits are not Pi Kappa Phi members.

The lawsuit says S.U. did not have any other drinks at the party, but suddenly became dizzy and eventually passed out after drinking the beers. When she awoke, the lawsuit says, she found an unknown male raping her in a bedroom of the frat house.

S.U. blacked out again during the assault, the lawsuit says, and next remembers sitting outside of the house with a friend crying "because her vagina was in pain."

Later, when S.U. returned to her freshman dorm, her roommates refused to let her sleep in the room because she was emotional and incapacitated. So, the victim sought help from Murphy, "who was a friend and a member of the Stockton University E.M.S.," according to the lawsuit.

At the time of the incident, the lawsuit says, Murphy was a junior at the col-

lege and a supervising sergeant for the university's EMS squad, and S.U. was in the process of applying for a position with the unit.

Out of concern for her safety, S.U. asked Murphy if she could stay with him for the night and he drove her to his campus housing, the lawsuit says. While in his room, she told him about the incident at the frat house and explained that she believed someone raped her while she was incapacitated.

In response, Murphy grabbed a bottle of rum and encouraged her to "calm down by having a few shots," the lawsuit says.

The victim next remembers standing in the shower naked alongside Murphy, who was also naked and touching her in a sexual manner, the lawsuit states.

S.U. awoke the next morning naked in Murphy's bed with him naked lying beside her, according to the suit which accuses him of raping her while she

was trying to recover from the sexual assault that happened at the frat party.

When S.U. asked Murphy what happened the previous night, he allegedly replied, "You were really drunk."

The lawsuit says the victim reported the frat house rape to college officials, but she refused to file criminal charges against the unknown man. S.U. did not report being allegedly raped by Murphy because she was unsure of what happened between them. The victim also went to the hospital, where medical professionals performed a rape kit confirming sexual intercourse had occurred.

The next day, the lawsuit says, Murphy asked S.U. to meet him again to discuss what happened the previous night. She had "anxiety" about meeting Murphy again, the lawsuit says, but wanted information. So, she allowed him to pick her up and drive her to his residence, where he tried to "dispel her worries and fears" of being sexually assaulted.

"Murphy then once again provided Captain Morgan Rum" to the victim which led to her becoming intoxicated, the lawsuit alleges. And for the second time, while incapacitated, Murphy raped S.U., the lawsuit says.

The victim later noticed dark bruises all over her body but had no recollection of how they occurred. She went to the hospital for a second rape kit but panicked from anxiety and left before it was completed, the lawsuit says. The bruises remained noticeable for about two weeks.

She later sent Murphy a text message, the lawsuit says, to which he replied allegedly admitting they had sex. Court documents say Murphy was "apolo-



William Murphy

getic for leaving the marks and bruises," and that he admitted he was "in love" with S.U.

Because of the traumatic events, S.U. later tried to take her own life. She formally left the college in December.

Stockton University EMS is a volunteer, student-run organization that provides emergency medical care on campus. Murphy has volunteered with the squad since 2015, according to his social media profiles which say he is expected to graduate next year. He's also a volunteer firefighter with a couple different departments, according to his LinkedIn profile. Attempts to reach him were unsuccessful.

A university spokesperson said via email "Murphy is currently not a member of the student-run Stockton EMS."

The lawsuit accuses Stockton University of failing to properly train and supervise student volunteers, and failing to protect students from sexual assault. It also alleges that members

and associates of Pi Kappa Phi conspired to take advantage of incapacitated young women by spiking their drinks with drugs at frat parties.

After *The Trentonian* reported last week a lawsuit accusing Stockton officials of creating a "dangerous, sexually-charged environment" and retaliating against sexual abuse victims who insist on involving law enforcement for an official criminal investigation, the college issued a series of statements to students.

"We are fully supportive of all law enforcement personnel who are responding to and investigating these allegations," one of the letters said, in part. "We take the issue of sexual assault of any member of our community extremely seriously and have extensive resources in place to support and protect students in the community. We urge anyone who has been involved in an incident of sexual assault to please report it to Stockton Police."

University president Harvey Kesselman issued a separate letter stating, in part, "We are deeply concerned about the victims and are committed to being as transparent as possible to keep the Stockton community informed of these serious matters."

Fuggi believes the college only released the statements to try and quell a situation that seems to be getting out of control.

"It's unfortunate the statements released by the university don't address the harm and condition of these women that were sexually assaulted," said Fuggi, who represents all four victims whom have spoken out thus far.

Pi Kappa Phi officials declined to comment on this report due to pending litigation.