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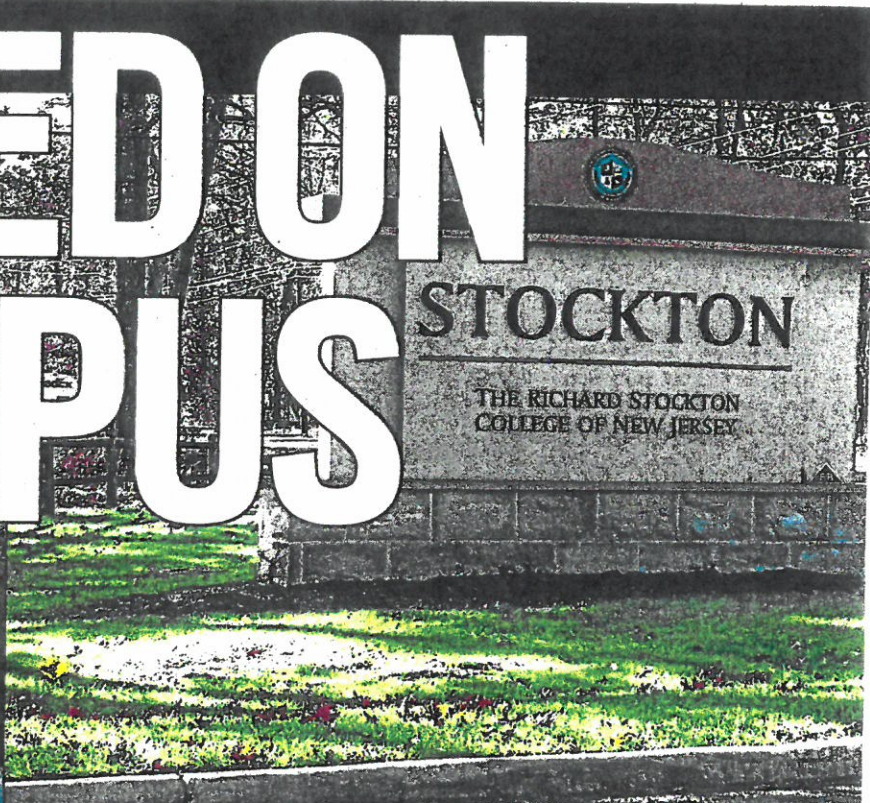
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## LAWSUIT

# Stockton University student says she was raped on campus

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A former Stockton University student has filed a civil lawsuit against the college and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity alleging she was drugged and raped on campus last year.

The lawsuit, filed last week, says a woman identified by the initials M.R. was under the age of 21 when she attended a party hosted by the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at a house located within a 10-minute drive of Stockton University's campus where she met an alumnus who took advantage of her that night and raped her again about a week later while in her dorm.

Stockton University stopped recognizing Pi Kappa Phi as a fraternity in 2010, according to the college's website, which lists it as a "rogue" group that exists "off campus" and does not follow university policies and regulations.

"We are aware of the complaint but haven't received the lawsuit yet," said Stockton University spokesperson Diane D'Amico, adding that the college wouldn't comment on pending litigation even if it had received the documents.

But the victim's attorney, Robert Fuggi, believes the school is indeed liable for what happened to his client.

"If you're going to stop a fraternity, then you have to dismantle it," Fuggi said. "You can't allow the students to take part in or join this fraternity. If it's not a fraternity, then why does it have all the elements of a fraternity?"

Twenty-five-year-old Stockton University alumnus Zachary Madle, who graduated in 2015, is also named as a defendant in the lawsuit, which alleges he used a date rape drug on at least one oc-

casional to have sex with M.R. without her consent.

"My client is a very sweet girl and it's a shame that someone took advantage of her," Fuggi said.

M.R. was a student living in a Stockton University dorm when she met Madle at a frat party near the college's campus on February 9, 2017, according to the lawsuit. Students who did not live at the frat house were not allowed to take their own alcohol into the premises, the lawsuit says, but party attendees were given "Jungle Juice," which court documents describe as a mix of vodka and fruit punch.

"Every Thursday, Pi Kappa Phi held a house party where many Stockton students would attend — regardless if they were underage — and were served alcohol," the lawsuit says.

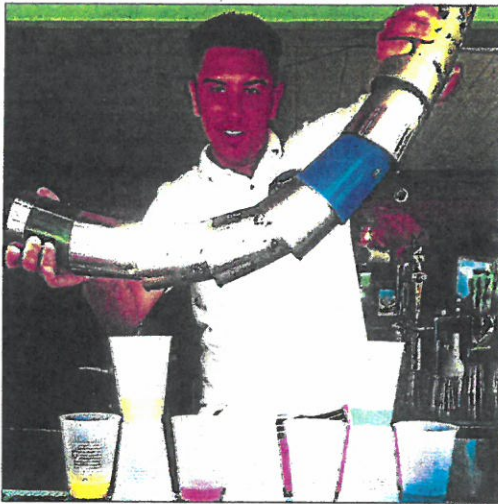
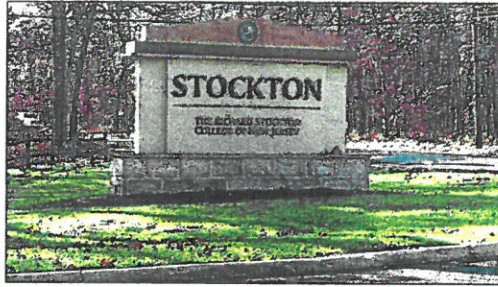
The suit says only females were invited to attend the party, and that M.R. was accompanied by one of her friends who left the engagement around midnight. M.R. later left the party accompanied by Madle and one of his male friends, whom both stayed in her dorm room overnight.

The next morning, the lawsuit says, M.R. "woke up with a sore vagina" and found Madle and his friend still in her room.

M.R. later learned that she had non-consensual sex with Madle while she was incapacitated, according to the lawsuit.

Initially, Fuggi said, his client believed Madle was a nice guy and thought maybe she had too much to drink the previous night. So, about a week later on Valentine's Day, the lawsuit says, M.R. and Madle exchanged text messages throughout the day "getting to know each other." Then, around midnight, Madle visited M.R.'s dorm.

Madle allegedly used a



Zachary Madle

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backpack to sneak bottles of vodka and wine into the dorm, according to the suit which says M.R. registered him as a guest with the college so he wouldn't get a ticket for parking on campus.

While sitting on the bed talking and having drinks, the lawsuit says, M.R. told Madle she "wanted to remember this time" because it was Valentine's Day.

In response, Madle allegedly said, "We'll see."

Court documents say M.R. drank approximately three cups of wine that night but refused to drink from a bottle of vodka that Madle kept handing her.

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As if that wasn't enough, Madle also posted video of the alleged sexual assault on SnapChat.

"At no point during the night did a Stockton University resident assistant or campus security check on [M.R.'s] dormitory, which had loud music playing and underage drinking throughout the majority of the night," the lawsuit says.

When M.R. awoke, the suit says, she was naked and covered in vomit. She then checked her phone and found text messages from Madle claiming someone tried to break into her dorm, and that he chased the person away, ultimately locking himself out of the dormitory.

While using her phone, M.R. also found Madle's SnapChat posts, which contained three videos: two of her wearing a bra and panties, and another in which she was completely naked, the lawsuit states.

"I am angry that I was posted online in the nude being sexually assaulted while my friends called him the 'King of SnapChat,'" M.R. wrote in a victim impact statement filed with the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office. "He admitted in text messages that I would not remember what happened. Sometimes I wish that I had just choked on my vomit and suffocated instead of it waking me up in the morning. I feel that he left me to die cold, naked, unconscious and throwing up."

M.R. told her friends, college officials and police about the alleged rape. The victim also visited the hospital and provided officials with her bedsheets, which allegedly contained genital discharge on them.

Hospital tests later revealed M.R. had contracted gonorrhea, according to the lawsuit which says Madle's

DNA was found in a rape kit specimen taken at the hospital, and that she contracted the sexually transmitted disease when she was raped by him.

After the alleged sexual assault, M.R. began failing classes and struggled to deal with the pain and anguish suffered as a result of the rape, the lawsuit says.

She even had thoughts of taking her own life and was eventually placed on academic probation by the college.

M.R. filed a police report with the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office earlier this year.

Court records show Madle was charged with invasion of privacy for recording a sexual act without consent. Atlantic County Prosecutor's have not responded to additional inquiries regarding this case.

"They should charge him with the sexual assault," Fuggi said. "You can see in the video that she's incapacitated."

Madle's social media profiles indicate he is employed as a bartender at The Flow House in Wildwood. Attempts to reach him at work and on a personal phone number were unsuccessful.

"I fear that there were other women, especially at the bar he works at," M.R. wrote in her statement to prosecutors. "My skin crawls at the sight of him. He has no moral compass."

In fact, Stockton students are so worried about rape and gendered violence that more than 7,000 people signed a Change.org petition asking the university to take action against sexual assault.

Pi Kappa Phi is also named as a defendant in the lawsuit. Attempts to reach the fraternity's representatives at its headquarters in North Carolina were unsuccessful.