

Accused Policeman A Rapist?

Woman Makes Assault Claim

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A Detroit police officer is being charged with a rape he allegedly committed after taking an auto accident report from a 21-year-old near-westside woman.

Police said the officer, 28-year-old Robert Brown, has been suspended from duty as a result of the rape charge.

Brown, a seven year veteran assigned to the Sixth (Michigan) precinct, pleaded innocent to the charge during an arraignment last Tuesday.

At about 2:45 a.m. Dec. 29, 1977, according to police reports, the woman was involved in an accident at Wyoming and Oakman on the city's westside. Brown and his partner, Officer Pamela Hatter, were summoned to the scene to take a report.

After taking the report, the woman, who admitted she had been drinking prior to the accident, said the officers volunteered to take her home. While proceeding to her W. Grand Blvd. address, the woman claims Officer Hatter fell asleep.

After arriving at the address, police said, Brown left Hatter sleeping in the scout car and escorted the woman into her home. At this point, the woman claims, Brown asked her why she was driving without car insurance and then raped her.

Police said the woman claims she did not resist Brown because she was in fear of being found in violation of Michigan law which makes it illegal to operate a motor

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vehicle without automobile insurance.

Following his plea of innocent to third degree criminal sexual conduct, Brown was freed on personal bond by Visiting Recorder's Court Judge Arthur J. Kocinski.

A preliminary examination

in the matter was scheduled for Wednesday.

In addition to the criminal charge, police said Brown will also probably face departmental hearings into his alleged misconduct.