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Charges Dismissed Against Former Tiger Pitcher Evan Reed

On July 30, 2014, Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy charged minor league Toledo Mud Hens baseball pitcher Evan Reed, 28, in connection with an alleged sexual assault of a 45-year-old Oakland County woman. On March 29, 2014 at 10:00 p.m., it is alleged that the complainant was at a bar in 200 block of Main Street in Royal Oak with a female friend. On March 30, 2014 around 12:00 a.m., the complainant met Reed and they danced. Afterward they sat in a booth with others and chatted. At some point the complainant finished an alcoholic drink and began to feel odd.

After midnight on March 30, 2014, Reed and the complainant left the bar and went to a hotel located in the 2900 block of Grand River in Detroit. The complainant alleges that at approximately 7:30 a.m. on the same day, Reed sexually assaulted her in the hotel room. She further alleges that after the sexual assault, Reed instructed her to leave.

Reed was charged with two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct Third Degree, a crime that carries a maximum penalty of 15 years. He was charged under the theory that he is alleged to have committed an act of penetration through force or coercion. He was also charged under the theory that he committed an act of penetration when he had reason to know the victim was physically helpless or mentally incapacitated or mentally incapable to consent.

Today Judge Kenneth King did not bind the defendant over and dismissed the case against Reed, citing that he had credibility issues with the complainant's testimony. "At this time, a decision has not been made regarding an appeal of the dismissal of the case; it will be announced at a later date," said Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller.

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