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## **Former Tiger Pitcher Evan Reed Charged In Sexual Assault**

Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has 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. More specific facts and evidence in this case will be presented in court.

Reed has been charged with two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct Third Degree, a crime that carries a maximum penalty of 15 years. He is charged under the theory that he is alleged to have committed an act of penetration through force or coercion. He is 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.

"It is important to note that in any case, the investigation must be thorough and all witnesses must be located and interviewed. This protocol remains the same if the alleged defendant is wealthy, privileged, a known figure or even a promising athlete," said Prosecutor Worthy.

Tomorrow morning, Reed will turn himself in to authorities, accompanied by his attorney, Ben Gonek. He is expected to be arraigned in 36<sup>th</sup> District Court in Detroit tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m.

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