

Woman Says Actor Clifton Powell Raped Her

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NEW ORLEANS (CN) – As he raped her in his hotel room, actor Clifton Powell insisted that a woman call him “Monique,” the alleged victim claims in Federal Court.

Suing under the pseudonym Kiyante Myers, the woman says she was 24 when Powell raped her on Aug. 29, 2011.

“Defendant Powell is a professional actor that has participated in several movies during his career,” the complaint states.

According to the complaint: “On August 28, 2011, at approximately 10:00 p.m., defendant Powell came into Harrah’s Casino, where the plaintiff is employed as a cocktail waitress. The plaintiff and defendant have known one another for approximately two years.

“After a brief encounter, defendant Powell asked when she would be getting off from work and if she would like to go out afterward.

“Plaintiff agreed to defendant Powell’s request and after getting off from work around midnight, plaintiff met defendant Powell outside of the casino and together went to the W Hotel Bar for drinks.

“After the drinks at The W Hotel, both plaintiff and defendant went to The International House Hotel at 221 Camp Street, where defendant Powell was a registered guest.

“After she entered his hotel room, defendant Powell asked plaintiff to take her pants off so that he could perform oral sex, which led to a consensual sexual relation.

“Later that same day, when plaintiff and defendant Powell awoke, defendant Powell wanted to engage in sexual relations again, but plaintiff declined his offer, informing him that he was too rough with her last time.

“Defendant Powell convinced her that he would ‘take it easy’ this time.

“After a short period of consensual sex, defendant Powell’s voice began to change and he began to be rough with plaintiff and told her he wanted to be called ‘Monique.’ Plaintiff began to resist defendant Powell, which was met with physical force as he pushed her face into the mattress while choking plaintiff from behind.

“When defendant Powell began to penetrate her anus with his fingers, plaintiff jumped away from defendant Powell and immediately told him to stop.

“Defendant Powell refused by placing his hands over her face and grasping plaintiff’s jaw, resuming vaginal penetration and continuing his sexual assault

against her will and without her consent under the perceived threat of potential harm, until he was finished.”

The woman seeks medical and legal expenses and compensatory and special damages for “sexual assault, battery, and rape.”

She is represented by Bruce Betzer of Metairie.

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