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Rape Charge Bypasses Campus Panel; Criminal Case Proceeds

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A student who has accused another student of raping her at the State University at Stony Brook, L.I., yesterday withdrew a complaint against the suspect in a school judicial proceeding, saying it might have interfered with the criminal case.

A university spokesman, Dan Forbush, said the 20-year-old woman, who has not been identified, had said she was "temporarily" withdrawing a charge that the suspect, Quincy Brandon Troupe, had violated the Stony Brook student code of conduct by raping her on campus last month.

Mr. Forbush said a hearing by a five-student judicial panel that had been set for next Tuesday had thus been canceled, and that restrictions on Mr. Troupe - limiting his movements on campus and requiring him to live off campus - had been lifted.

Mr. Troupe, 23, a popular senior, basketball player and dormitory adviser, has denied the rape charge and said that witnesses can prove he was nowhere near the campus that night. He faces a hearing in Suffolk County District Court May 10 and is free on bail. Case Divides Campus

C. Vernon Mason, Mr. Troupe's lawyer, said last night that the woman had withdrawn the school charge because "she does not want to subject herself to scrutiny." He said she had made "an anonymous false accusation before a secret grand jury" and was "not willing to have the student body or the public generally" examine her case.

The case has divided the campus, with students embroiled in bitter debates over racism and women's rights. Blacks generally have supported Mr. Troupe, who is black, while women have marched against sexual assault. Students and administrators have held emergency meetings, and friends of the woman, who is white, have found themselves in angry discussions with friends of Mr. Troupe.

The woman, an upstate junior who has been studying at home, said the rape occurred at 10 P.M. on March 24. She did not report it until the next day, and had by then showered, destroying forensic evidence. A week later, she picked Mr. Troupe's picture out of a student yearbook and then picked him out of a police lineup.

Mr. Troupe says he left the campus March 23 and spent the next day in New York, at his parents' apartment in Harlem, at a job interview and at the home of a friend. Several people recalled seeing him in New York shortly before the time of the rape.

The woman said the Suffolk County District Attorney, Patrick Henry, had advised her to drop the school charge because it might interfere with the criminal case. Mr. Forbush said she indicated she would press the complaint after the criminal proceedings, whatever their outcome.

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