

Crabtree rape allegation not holding up

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San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Michael Crabtree (15) looks on from the sideline during an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals in San Francisco, Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose)

The hotel-room sexual assault allegations against 49ers star wide receiver Michael Crabtree do not appear to be holding up under investigation.

San Francisco police said Friday that they were looking into a complaint that Crabtree had assaulted a woman in a hotel after the Niners defeated the Green Bay Packers in a playoff game Jan. 12.

According to a San Francisco law enforcement source, the woman who lodged the allegation was one of three women who joined Crabtree in a party at a room in the tony W Hotel on Third Street.

The other two women have told investigators that Crabtree didn't assault anyone, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is continuing.

Police haven't found any physical evidence of an attack, the source added. It hasn't been disclosed whether the woman who said she had been victimized went to a hospital to be examined.

The woman went to Oakland police four days after the party; investigators there promptly referred her to San Francisco police, according to multiple sources. Crabtree, 25, has denied any wrongdoing, the sources told us. He was accompanied by an attorney when he spoke Friday with police, who publicly described him as cooperative.

Police Chief Greg Suhr declined to discuss the case, other than to say that he hoped the investigation would be wrapped up within the next 10 days - in other words, before the Super Bowl.

"It will take as long as it takes, but we are going to do it right," Suhr said. Incidentally, Crabtree and the Niners caught a break when police held off on releasing news of the inquiry until late Friday, after The Chronicle had asked about the allegation. By then, the Niners were on a plane for Atlanta - and had imposed a pregame blackout on player interviews.

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