



Latrobe woman accused of filing false rape report

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A Latrobe woman, who allegedly instigated an attack on a man she accused of sexual assault, has been charged with falsely accusing another man of raping her weeks earlier.

Felisha Hardison, 24, of 14 W. Harrison Ave., was arraigned yesterday by District Judge Michael Mahady for allegedly filing a false report with Latrobe police on March 31.

Hardison told police she had been raped by a man with whom she has three children. Hardison claimed the man forced her to have sex with him, punched her and choked her, and videotaped the act with his cell phone camera.

The man denied the allegations and said Hardison made the accusations to get custody of one of their children. A review of the cell phone camera footage contradicted Hardison's claims of rape and showed the two had consensual sex, police said.

Hardison was arraigned on the charge yesterday, the same day she and five others faced a preliminary hearing on charges they assaulted another man Hardison had accused of sexual assault.

Those hearings for Hardison, her mother, Judith Lundgren, 44, as well as Brian Lehman Jr., 19, Justin Libengood, 20, Matthew McBryar, 21, and Steven Kozemchak, 20, all of Latrobe, were postponed until a later date.

The six are accused of assaulting Cody Wightman, 25, at his Latrobe residence on April 18 after Hardison said he had sexually assaulted her.

Police allege Hardison and Lundgren drove the men to Wightman's residence, where they kicked him and punched him. Lehman is accused of striking Wightman with a claw hammer.

A new hearing date has not been set. All the defendants, except for McBryar, are being held at the Westmoreland County Prison.

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