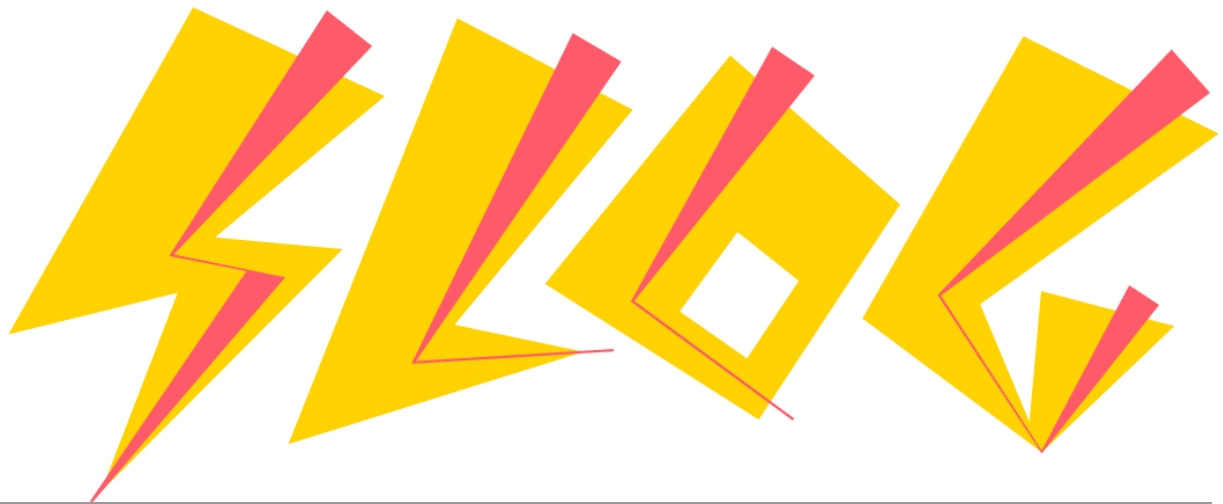


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## Remember That Woman Who Claimed that Magician David Copperfield Raped Her—Twice—On His Own Private Island?

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Earlier this week federal prosecutors dropped their investigation of Copperfield—news that isn't getting anywhere near the play online that the woman's initial accusation did—because, well, they're not saying. But the false accusation of rape that she made against some schmo she met in a Bellevue bar can't have helped her case. The *Seattle Times* has given the story lots of real estate.

The victim of the alleged extortion, a 31-year-old single man, told police he knew the woman as a waitress at a Bellevue club he frequents. On Dec. 2, he said, he met her and a friend at another club where they were drinking. He said the woman was sexually aggressive and agreed to go to a hotel with him. They ended up at the Bellevue Club, where he rented a \$370 room and bought a \$100 bottle of Champagne. Inside the room, the two engaged in a sex act until the woman allegedly told him, "put \$2,000 in my purse and you can have it all," according to the man's statement to police.

When he refused, he said, she left the room, leaving behind her panties and tights. The man said he went to the lobby and found the woman claiming to hotel staff that she had been "taken advantage of."

The man called the police—"to report that he believed he was about to be extorted"—and moments later the woman called the police and claimed that she had been sexually assaulted. She claimed that she had been drinking with the man, "could not recall going to the hotel," and when she came to the man was "on top of her, pinning her arms to the hotel bed."

The woman was taken to Overlake Hospital Medical Center for a rape examination. However, she later said she was reluctant to release the results to police, according to reports...[The police] obtained them after filing a search warrant. The reports showed no physical injuries nor the presence of any "date rape" drugs in her system.

The man, on the other hand, gave a statement to the police that ran to 74 pages and his cell phone, "which contained text messages that officers believe supported his story." Witnesses backed up the man, hotel surveillance videos supported his version of events. So he's not being charged with anything and—coincidence?—federal prosecutors drop their investigation of Copperfield. But the woman is still suing Copperfield for "unspecified damages" in a civil court.

Good luck with that.

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