



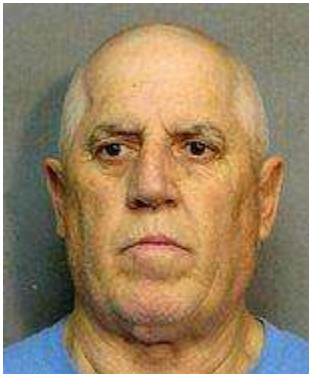
Child rape charges dropped against a Terrytown man

By Paul Purpura, The Times-Picayune

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The Jefferson Parish district attorney's office will not prosecute a Terrytown man who was booked with rape last month by Kenner police after receiving a complaint that he sexually abused a 6-year-old girl.

Milton J. Andrew, 59, of 404 Blossom St., was released Friday from the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center in Gretna, after prosecutors refused charges that include aggravated rape. Andrew, who faced life in prison had he been convicted, was jailed in lieu of a \$350,000 bond since his April 8 arrest.



Milton Andrew

"It hurt like hell," Andrew said Tuesday of the accusation, which has left him unemployed as a truck driver and an outcast among neighbors and at the coffee shop he frequented. "People pass by, they shoot me the finger, give me dirty looks."

The girl, now 13 and who is not being identified, told Kenner police that Andrew sexually abused her about five times between 2003 and 2004, when he lived in Kenner and while his wife was away playing bingo, according to a police affidavit.

Assistant District Attorney Margaret Hay cited "insufficient evidence" in not moving forward with a case.

Andrew's attorney Jim Williams said Tuesday the girl has made similar allegations before.

The girl also was the victim in a 2007 incident involving a Gretna man, now 60, who was charged with sexual battery based on accusations of inappropriate touching during a hug, his attorney Bruce Netterville said. Witnesses said there was no sexual touching, Netterville said.

Prosecutors reduced the charge to misdemeanor simple battery last year. The man entered an Alford plea, in which he admitted guilt because of the evidence but maintained his innocence, and received probation, records show.

During that case, Netterville said prosecutors told him that the girl had previously made a false complaint of abuse.

"This sort of thing happens more than people think," said Williams, adding that police did not check the girl's background before booking Andrew.

Prosecutors declined to comment on whether the girl has raised abuse allegations in the past.

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Comments



Posted by [painman11](#)
May 04, 2010, 4:34PM

That's sad, and usually once a female finger-points you as a rapist, or sexual abuser, regardless whether she withdraws the charges, or says she was lying, there's always that stigma hanging above a guys head.



Posted by [comments4u2](#)
May 04, 2010, 4:42PM

Where are all the people that I recall when this story first posted on TP that wanted to string this guy up, without a trial, "let bubba take care of him in prison", etc., etc., etc.? Huh, where are you all at? Cat got your tongues?



Posted by [droopybuzums](#)
May 04, 2010, 4:43PM

He needs to get a lawyer and sue the girl's family. He also needs to go to the social services people to see about having this liar taken away from the alleged parents and put in a juvenile institution or foster care. She needs help but not a free ride.



Posted by [buytheplace](#)
May 04, 2010, 4:51PM

"Where do I go to get my reputation back?"



Posted by [dziban303](#)
May 04, 2010, 4:52PM

Rape is serious, obviously, and I've known several women who've claimed they'd been raped. Unfortunately in each instance the woman was shown to be lying about it. The most egregious case was when one gal cheated on her boyfriend with another guy, then to explain the day-after pill she had to get, she claimed she'd been raped while drunk. There was plenty of evidence to the contrary (including eyewitness accounts) and the charges were eventually dropped against the guy, but he still lost his job and home and most of his friends as a result. False rape accusations are a very powerful weapon and are too often used by woman for selfish and vindictive reasons and a healthy dose of skepticism is prudent in most cases.



Posted by [rhythmnola](#)
May 04, 2010, 4:57PM

It is situations like these that make it hard for REAL victims of sexual abuse to get help and the justice they deserve.
Both men AND women should not throw around false accusations.



Posted by [uptownray](#)
May 04, 2010, 5:01PM

sometimes they don't go forward not because the guy is innocent but because they don't have evidence. But CLEARLY this little girl has huge issues and constantly accuses. Terrifying for anybody who gets anywhere near her. She needs to be punished for this and her parents need to tell authorities every time she cries wolf again. This is serious stuff, ruining lives.



Posted by [Anniemaj](#)
May 04, 2010, 5:12PM

Somebody needs to tell this girl the story of "The Little Boy Who Cried Wolf". If she ever gets raped for real, nobody will ever believe her because of all these false allegations she made.



Posted by [stormee](#)

May 04, 2010, 9:53PM

God forbid she ever gets raped. But if she does, it'll be hard for people to believe her. And even though the charges were dropped/dismissed, he will have to live with this shadow hanging over his head.



Posted by [LadyLilith](#)

May 05, 2010, 1:05AM

i agree with comments4u2. everyone is so quick to believe the accuser. so ready to hang someone simply because someone says its so. not everyone is guilty of this crime when accused. as much as you would like to believe that a child does not lie, they do and often. you would be surprised how many sexual accusations are made on a daily basis with the DA's office. the majority of accusations are based on revenge of some sort and the DA knows it. this is an extremely touchy subject. if the accuser is lying and knows that admitting it was a lie will result in prosecution of the accuser, chances are confessing it was a lie will not happen. yet, those falsely accused deserve and should demand exoneration. My heart truly goes out to anyone who has been raped or sexually abused, however the same is extended to anyone falsely accused. Mr. Andrew, I sincerely hope that GOD blesses you.



Posted by [NolaChap](#)

May 05, 2010, 10:49AM

Her parents should be made to pay for an ad campaign to clear his name publicly.

http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2010/05/post_184.html