

Tokyo cops arrest 'investment idol' for false rape accusation

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On Saturday, officers from the Shinjuku Police Station arrested Masako Suzuki, a 31-year-old model with a background in the securities industry, and Yasutaka Okamura, the 66-year-old president of a financial firm, for falsely accusing the president of a chain of restaurants of rape and demanding payment, reports Sports Hochi.

Suzuki and the restaurant president met at a boat party in August. Early the next month, the model telephoned the president and indicated that he would be accused of raping in his car after they enjoyed a meal together if a loan of 100 million yen were not granted as an out-of-court settlement.

Okamura then sent an article posted on a news site by fax to the restaurant company that detailed the fictitious rape incident. The victim alerted police in October.

Both suspects, who police charged with attempted extortion, have reportedly denied the allegations.

After graduating from Waseda University, Suzuki joined a securities company. As side work, she engaged in modeling, and released a DVD containing images of her attired in underwear.

In 2007, Suzuki was awarded the Grand Prix in the Miss Palau International Goodwill Ambassador contest.