

## Teens Cleared In Rape Allegation

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### Ashley Blackstone

In a THV update, four teens accused of gang raping a woman at a party in Ozark have been cleared by police, but they say their lives are ruined.

Morgan Applegate says, "I lost my dad recently. A few weeks ago, I lost my house. I have nothing. All I had was my job, and I lost that too because of this."

Applegate, Ashley Wheeler, Bobby Wilson and a 17-year-old boy were kept in jail for two weeks before they were eventually released.

The 32-year-old woman, who accused the teens of raping her, could now face charges herself, for allegedly filing a false police report. The teens say they hope she goes to prison.

Applegate explains, "I think she needs to serve time. I do. I think she needs to be in there like we were cause she's guilty, and we weren't and that's the difference."

The 17-year-old boy's problems aren't completely over.

While in the Franklin County jail, they were reportedly caught huffing some sort of chemical. And prosecutors have charged them.

They say, though, that it's a trumped up charge, and they'll fight it.

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