

Pace University sued by student who claims officials did nothing to stop his ex-girlfriend from making bogus rape accusations

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A Pace University student who was arrested on a false rape claim is now suing the school. (Peter Kramer/Getty Images)

A Pace University freshman was wrongly arrested in front of his classmates — largely because college admins didn't do anything to stop his ex-girlfriend from making false rape claims against him, a new lawsuit alleges.

Ari Grossman and his ex got into the school's acting program in 2016. Shortly afterward, Grossman's former romantic interest — whom he had dated for several months when they were 15 — had her parents call him, "threatening" to press rape charges if he attended. He decided to attend Pace despite the alleged threats — which she wound up honoring.

A prosecutor in their native Southern California declined to pursue the woman's criminal case. She then went for a temporary restraining order. The exes wound up settling and "mutually agreed to have no contact with each other" or talk about the case, he claims in his lawsuit, filed Saturday in Manhattan Federal Court.

By the time they arrived at Pace in fall 2016, things changed. The woman got college admins to issue a university "no contact order" against him — all the while telling classmates in their tight-knit acting program that Grossman, now 19, was a rapist. She also made numerous bogus reports that he violated Pace's restraining order against him, he maintains.

Around 11 a.m. on Nov. 7, the woman told campus cops Grossman had followed her into the cafeteria. The campus cops, alongside NYPD officers, ultimately had Grossman collared for criminal contempt in the second degree. The charge against Grossman was tossed on Feb. 9 — after video proved her accusation was false, according to his lawyer Julie Goldberg.

The woman could not immediately be reached for comment.

A spokesman for Pace said "the university has not been served and as such, we're unable to provide comment."

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