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'ASSAULTED' BY DENTIST, SAYS GIRL, 18

DENTIST HAROLD ROSEN gave gas to a girl who had asked for an INJECTION, it was alleged yesterday—and then sent his receptionist on an errand.

While he was alone with the girl, and before she had fully recovered from the effects of the anaesthetic, he assaulted her, said Mr. G. Cox, prosecuting at Leeds.

The girl, eighteen-year-old Avril Richardson, complained to her mother, and the police were told.

Asked

Mr. Cox said that Miss Richardson, of Halton-road, Leeds, had been going to Rosen's surgery for four years.

When she went to have a tooth out on September 1 he asked her whether she wanted gas or an injection.

She said she thought an injection would be better.

Rosen gave her two injections, said Mr. Cox, and then, apparently, gave her gas as well.

There was no clear corroboration about the alleged assault which followed, Mr. Cox continued, because the girl was partly under the influence of the anaesthetic.

Once

When interviewed by two police officers, said Mr. Cox, Rosen, 35, of Northgate-lane, Linton, near Leeds, replied:

"That's ridiculous. At no time when the girl was unconscious did my receptionist leave the room."

Told it was understood that he gave the girl a second whiff of gas, he said: "I gave gas only once.

The second time it was oxygen."

Giving evidence, Miss Richardson described four separate incidents which, she said, happened while she was only partly conscious.

After the second dose of gas, she said, the tooth was taken out. And Rosen offered her a lift home in a car. She said she preferred to go by bus.

Replying to Mr. Rudolph Lyons, Q.C., defending, Miss Richardson agreed that this was the first time Rosen had behaved improperly towards her.

Agreed

Asked why she had not complained before she left the surgery, she said that all she could think of was getting away.

She agreed that she made another appointment, but said she had no intention of going back.

Rosen was remanded for a week on £50 bail.



MISS RICHARDSON . . . "I was only partly conscious," she told the court.

This report of Harold Rosen's acquittal was published on the front page of *The Birmingham Post & Birmingham Gazette* (County Edition), December 23, 1961. (Assizes were replaced by Crown Courts in 1972).

DENTIST NOT GUILTY OF ASSAULTING GIRL PATIENT

Harold Leslie Rosen (35), a dentist, of College Barn, North Gate Lane, Linton, Wetherby, Yorkshire, was found not guilty at Leeds Assizes yesterday of indecently assaulting Miss Avril Richardson, aged 18, a shorthand typist, of Hetton Road, Leeds, who went to have a tooth extracted. He had denied the charge.

Rosen said that the allegation that he put his hand on Miss Richardson's breast was "absolute nonsense," and he denied deliberately putting his knee between her legs and pushing up her clothing.

Professor Thomas Talmage Read, a former Professor of Dentistry at Leeds University,

who was called by the defence, said that a woman's sexual thoughts under a general anaesthetic could be pleasant or unpleasant, but the bias was in favour of their being unpleasant.

Mr. R. Lyons, Q.C., defending, addressing the jury, said they must not decide the case on suspicion. He did not suggest that Miss Richardson was lying.

"As a result of the dental anaesthetic, coming to after a faint, she has found Rosen leaning on her when, unknown to her, he has merely in haste, urgency or in a bit of a panic

to press the emergency button, pressed some weight upon her.

"The stimulus from that may have set up in her mind during that twilight stage between consciousness and unconsciousness a retrospective trend of erotic or sexual thoughts in which truth and fantasy have become irretrievably mingled so that she is quite convinced that these things happened."

When Mr. F. Stanley-Price, Q.C., prosecuting, addressed the jury, he asked: "Do you think that Avril Richardson lightly made this sort of complaint or lightly entered into what has

no doubt proved for her, as it has for Rosen, a very disagreeable experience?" Rosen had "offered you untruth after untruth, wriggling to avoid damning circumstances."

Summing up, the Recorder, Mr. G. S. Waller, Q.C., said the suggestion that what Miss Richardson said she believed was, in fact hallucination made it desirable to look for corroboration.

Rosen said after being discharged: "I am going back to carry on with my practice. I wish to make it very clear to all that my patients have continued to come to my practice, and I am very grateful for their loyalty."