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## Chicago attorney charged in Madison County with sex assault, kidnapping

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EDWARDSVILLE -- A Chicago attorney was charged Wednesday in Madison County with sexual assault, sexual abuse and the kidnapping of a woman.

Meanith Huon, 38, of 3038 S. Canal St. in Chicago, posed as a supervisor for a company that sets up promotions for alcohol sales at area bars.

The victim posted on a Web site her interest in working in such promotions, and Huon responded, according to Madison County Chief of Detectives Brad Wells.

"It all went downhill from there," Wells said.

The victim contacted Huon, who identified himself as John, and met the man in the downtown St. Louis area for a job interview. Huon then suggested taking the victim to Pop's Saloon in Sauget to see how other employees were doing for the night, police said.


On the drive to Sauget, Huon passed the exit, and the victim became concerned.

The victim asked Huon to let her go, but he began sexually assaulting and abusing her while he was driving.

Huon drove north on Interstate 55 and exited in the area of New Douglas Road. The victim jumped out of the vehicle when it slowed and she ran to a house nearby.

The Chicago Police Department arrested Huon on Tuesday, and he was transferred to the Madison County Jail on Wednesday.

Contact reporter Holly Meyer at or at 659-0985.



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