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# Woman testifies Chicago lawyer assaulted her

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The Telegraph  
EDWARDSVILLE - A former Carlinville woman wiped tears from her face Tuesday as she claimed she was sexually assaulted while in a car driving up Interstate 55 between Sauget and Staunton in late June 2008.

The alleged victim, 28, said she met defendant Meanith Huon, a Chicago lawyer, in hopes of getting work as a representative in a promotional campaign for a tavern in downtown St. Louis.

However, the defense attorneys said the meeting became social.

"They were hanging out, having fun," said defense attorney Mike Metts.

The alleged victim said she was not having fun.

"I was hysterical," she said.

"All those sexual acts were consensual," Metts told the jury.

He claimed that after having sex, she demanded money of Huon, who refused. She then threatened to "cry rape," Metts told the Madison County Circuit Court jury in his opening statement. Huon then "freaked out" and left, he said.

The alleged victim testified that she often works in promotions for various products, such as soft drinks and cell phones. She obtains the jobs by using the Craig's List website, and she responded to a call she received from someone who called himself "John" but later turned out to be Huon.

She met Huon at a bar in downtown St. Louis to discuss a job, but they ended up going to several bars and having drinks. Huon ordered and paid for the drinks, the alleged victim said.

She said she continually insisted she meet the others who were supposed to participate, so Huon told her they were at a bar in Sauget. She got in his car, she said, because her car was low on gasoline.

He missed the turn off I-55 at Sauget and soon began to grope her, she said. His demeanor changed from friendly to demanding, the victim said.

"He became very stern, very scary," she said.

She described how he put his hand on her leg several times, and she moved it several times. She accused him of becoming more forceful, putting his hands all over her, including her breasts and legs.

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Eventually, he put his finger in her privates and forced her head into his lap, forcing her to perform a sex act, she claimed.

Later, he promised to "take care" of her and give her money, she said. Huon told her he wanted to pull off to the side of the road and "make out," she testified. He told her he loved her and knew all about her, she said.

Finally, after trying to find a "make out" spot, he slowed down, and she jumped out, leaving her shoes, purse and other personal items in his car.

She went to two nearby homes, banged on the doors and pleaded for help. Neighbors testified they dialed 911. They testified the woman appeared "hysterical."

She firmly denied any consensual sex or romantic relationship.

On cross-examination by defense attorney N. Scott Rosenblum, however, she had difficulty explaining some of the differences between her testimony and some of her statements in police reports.

She admitted it is not normal for her to go to several bars and have several drinks during a job interview.

The prosecution case is expected to last at least through Wednesday. Huon faces two counts of criminal sexual assault.

During her opening statement, Assistant Madison County State's Attorney Amy Chapman said police arrived at the home where the alleged victim went for help. They photographed injuries caused by her jumping from the moving car.

Police tracked Huon down using the telephone number the victim used to make the original contact, and the Chicago Police Department identified him from a package delivered to his door, Chapman said.

Deputies from the Madison County Sheriff's Department went to Huon's home and recovered her purse, her shoes, her cell phone and some personal items.

Metts claimed his client was planning to return the items.

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