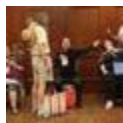
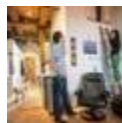


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# Football players at Brown accused of rape

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Two Brown University football players face accusations that they raped a Providence College student in a campus dorm room in the fall, authorities said Thursday.

The Rhode Island attorney general's office is investigating the case, spokeswoman Amy Kempe said. No arrests have been made, and no charges have been filed, she said.



Providence police are also investigating.

The Providence Journal reported that Brown had ordered the accused students, both freshmen who have not been identified, to leave campus in late April. The alleged rape occurred on Nov. 21, according to a police report. The victim, a freshman at Providence College, and her mother reported the case to police on Feb. 3.

The student told officers that she and some friends went to Louie's bar and drank a shot of alcohol before drinking water the rest of the time.

She told officers she "felt she was drugged in some way ... when her arms and body fell limp." A Brown student, who she has known since the third grade, carried her out of the bar and into a taxi, the report said. Later, she found herself in a Brown dorm room but did not know how she got there.

"Everything was all foggy to her," the report said.

Unable to move, she closed her eyes before she awoke in a bed and was asked to have sex with another man in the room.

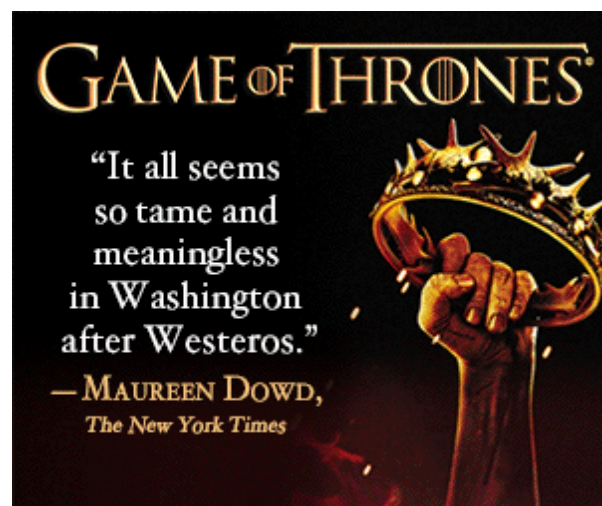
Brown spokeswoman Marisa Quinn told the Globe that the school's public safety officials were notified in February about the report. "Brown has cooperated fully with law enforcement," Quinn said.

Providence College spokesman Steven J. Maurano declined to comment, saying the school "respects the privacy and confidentiality of our students."

Amid a surge of activism, campus sexual assault has been in the spotlight nationally, including at Brown.

In April, Lena Sclove, 22, of Amherst, Mass., alleged publicly that she had been sexually assaulted and choked by another student in August 2013 when she was a student at Brown.

She said her alleged assailant was found responsible of misconduct violations by a school disciplinary



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panel, which recommended that he be suspended for two years. But an administrator imposed a one-year suspension, she said.

Sclove said she filed a federal complaint against Brown last month.

This week, lawyers for Sclove's accused assailant, Daniel Kopin, wrote a letter to the US Education Department saying that he believed the sex was consensual. Kopin rebutted details of Sclove's claims, including denying that he had choked her, and asked the agency to take into account his description of what happened.



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