

Victim of gang rape intoxicated

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 FALL RIVER, Mass.—Blood tests showed the victim of an alleged gang rape was legally intoxicated when she was examined at a hospital after the incident, a nurse testified Wednesday.
 But nurse Carol Lessa added, "I don't think she was drunk."
 Lessa testified that tests showed the woman's blood alcohol level was nearly twice the 0.10 level that signifies legal intoxication according to Massachusetts law, but she was speaking clearly and walking normally.
 She also said the woman had scrapes on her back, upper

arms and legs. When the woman arrived at the hospital, Lessa said, "she looked disheveled and her eyes were red and puffy, as if she'd been crying."
 Earlier Wednesday, a New Bedford bartender testified he tried to get help for the young woman as she was being raped on his tavern's pool table, but one of her attackers blocked his path to a telephone.
 Carlos Machado, his remarks being translated from Portuguese into English by a courtroom interpreter, characterized the attack as a "dirty thing" and testified how he had tried to leave Big Dan's Tavern to call police.

But, he told the Bristol Superior Court jury, defendant Virgilio Medeiros blocked his way, saying: "Where are you going? You're not going anywhere."
 Machado said he gave another bartender a dime for a pay phone, but the man told him he was afraid of the woman's alleged attackers. He never made the call, Machado said.
 Soon afterward, Medeiros asked him to lock the barroom door, Machado said, adding that he had refused.
 Machado said the attack, which began late at night on March 6, 1983, when only nine people were in the bar, continued for about 35 minutes. Prosecutors have estimated the gang rape lasted as long as two hours.

Earlier that evening, the woman had watched two of the defendants playing pool and had talked to most of those in the tavern, Machado said, adding that at one point she "had her arms around Victor Raposo."
 Raposo is another of the six defendants on trial in connection with the attack. Arguments are being heard in two parallel trials; four of the defendants being tried in morning sessions, two in the afternoons.
 In his testimony, Machado contradicted the woman's earlier statement that she had consumed only part of one drink when the attack began. Instead, the bartender said, the 22-year-old mother of two had just ordered her third "Seven and Seven."
 Then, he heard "a loud boom on the floor" and saw that defendants Joseph Vieira and Daniel Silva, who had followed her to the bar, were trying to tear off her jeans, Machado said.

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 HOUSTON — Jogger Louis Roddy says he was amazed when a motorcycle cop pulled him over for running a traffic light on foot and gave him a \$10 citation.
 "I've heard of runners having to watch out for cars that run red lights but, I've never heard of cars having to watch for joggers," Roddy said.
 Roddy, a physician specializing in heart problems, said he told the officer he looked both ways and it was clear so he went on, even though the light was red.
 The officer was not convinced it was an innocent act and gave Roddy a ticket for a pedestrian violation, crossing against a traffic signal.
 "He had the nerve to say, 'Have a nice run,'" Roddy said.

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