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Victim of gang rape intoxicated

FALL RIVER, Mass. -Blood tests showed the victim of an alleged gang rape was legally in-toxicated when she was examined at a hospital after the incident, a nurse testified

showed the woman's blood alcohol level was nearly twice the 0.10 level that signifies legal in-toxication according to Massachusetts law, but she was speaking clearly and walking

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 made the call, Machado said. 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 an-other bartender a dime for a pay phone, but the man told him he was afraid of the woman's alleged attackers. He never

Soon afterward, Medieros 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. Pros-

ecutors have estimated the gang sumed only part of one drink 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 con-

when the attack began. Instead, the bartender said, the 22-yearold mother of two had just ordered her third "Seven and Seven.

Then, he heard "a loud boom on the floor" and saw that de-fendants Joseph Vieira and Daniel Silvia, who had followed her to the bar, were trying to tear off her jeans, Machado said

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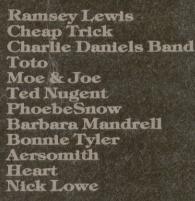
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