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I went to Mardi Gras with my husband to have a holiday. It was our third year. We enjoy Mardi Gras and getting away from the kids and spending time together.

On Mardi Gras night I was raped in my hotel room by a security guard while my husband was out of the room.

I reported it to the Hotel and to the police. I went to the hospital and had a rape kit. There was blood in the room and I had bruises all over. I felt traumatized.

A week later the detective assigned to the case told me that they were not going to prosecute. He said that they had identified the rapist, but that it was consensual.

He did not explain why he had come to that conclusion.

I felt intimidated because whenever I tried to call the detective his response made me feel that my case did not matter. I felt like I was bothering him. I felt that he was rude and hostile.

I was devastated when he said that the rape was consensual. When I found out that the detective was one of the five that was involved in hundreds of other cases that were mishandled I was sick to my stomach.

I am still hoping for justice and that the person who raped me will be prosecuted. I also want other victims to feel that they too can come forward.

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