

# Student bound for trial

In a preliminary hearing, a student said Zachary Kick sexually assaulted her earlier this month.

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Centre County District Judge Leslie Dutchcot bound over all charges against Penn State student Zachary Kick after his preliminary hearing Wednesday.

Dutchcot listened to testimony from the student who said Kick, 20, sexually assaulted her early in the morning of Sept. 18 at her apartment. The reported assault occurred following a party at her residence earlier that night, the State College Police Department said.

Kick, of 600 E. Pollock Rd., is charged with one count of felony sexual assault and one count each of misdemeanor indecent assault, simple assault and one summary count of harassment, police said.

At the preliminary hearing, the student said she met Kick four days before the incident at an event for the fraternity they were both trying to join. She said she saw him again at another recruitment event two days after they met. She said the only other time

she spoke to Kick was on Facebook to invite him to her party.

The student said she "felt uncomfortable" around Kick from the time they met, but she said she opted to still invite him to her party because she wanted to reach out to him, as they were joining the same fraternity.

Kick was one of six guests who attended the student's party, she said.

The student said she and the other guests, including Kick, were drinking and playing drinking games. During the games, the student said Kick was picking her as his "partner" to drink frequently.

As the party progressed, she said she was "definitely tipsy" but not intoxicated enough to not recall Kick sexually assaulting her. After the party started to wind down, the student said she left her apartment at about 1 a.m. to walk a friend home, leaving Kick and her roommate at their residence.

She said she spoke to another male friend about staying for the night because she was uneasy about sleeping while Kick was

there, but her friend was not able to stay.

When she returned to the apartment about 10 minutes later, she said she found Kick sleeping in her bed, on top of the covers. She said she didn't ask him to move, and went into the bed with Kick asleep next to her.

The next thing the student remembers is waking up to Kick kissing her aggressively, she said.

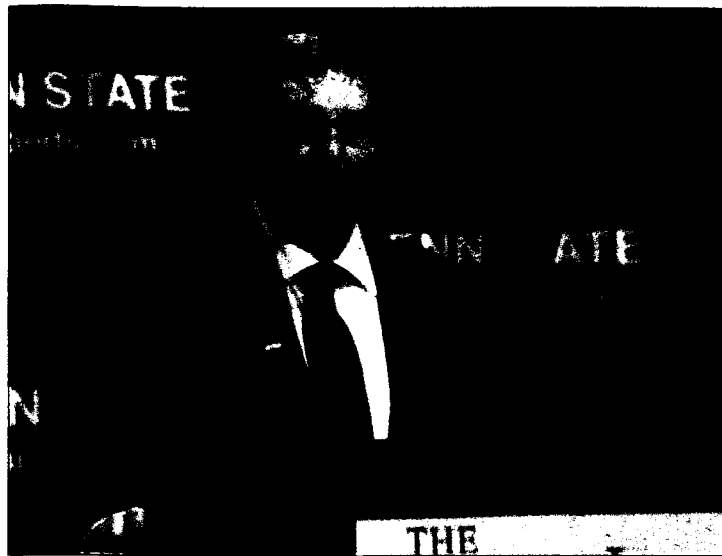
She said her pants had been pulled down, and she told Kick repeatedly as he was kissing her that she did not want to have sex with him, but he didn't stop.

"I felt smothered," she said. "I couldn't get him off."

She said she eventually began yelling at Kick, at which point her roommate came into the room and forced Kick to leave. After he left, the student said "it sunk in" that she had been sexually assaulted, so she and her roommate went to a friend's house. The friend called the police and the student was taken to Mount Nittany Medical Center for treatment.

Kick called and sent the student numerous text messages the day after the incident occurred, and also came to the student's apartment, the State College Police Department said.

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Terry Pegula, of Boca Raton, Fla., speaks about his \$88 million donation for a new hockey arena on Sept. 17.

# Alumni donates to Rep. campaign

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Terry Pegula, the businessman who recently jumpstarted the new D-1 hockey program at Penn State with an \$88 million donation, is also one of the biggest campaign donors in Pennsylvania, according to a study by government watchdog group Common Cause.

Pegula donated more than \$373,000 to Republican candidates, including at least \$205,000 to Tom Corbett's gubernatorial campaign.

Alex Kaplan, co-author of Common Cause's study, said Pegula is one of several gas industry leaders who are ramping up donations in the face of an important gubernatorial election, in which Corbett opposes a gas extraction tax and Democrat Dan Onorato supports one.

The bill that would enact the gas extraction tax was passed in the State House Wednesday night.

But earlier on Wednesday, Senate leader Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson, said the bill had no chance of passing in the Senate, making it more likely that the new governor has a say in whether the tax is passed.

Scarnati called the tax rate "the highest in the country" and "ridiculous" in a press conference, before saying that with only three sessions left in the Senate, it would be hard to pass a tax bill this year.

In June, Gov. Ed Rendell made an agreement with Scarnati and other Senate Republicans to pass the tax by Oct. 1, a deal Scarnati said will be not be met now.

In its current form, the bill would impose a tax of 39 cents for every 1,000 cubic feet of gas that is extracted. Of the revenue generated, 60 percent will go to either environmental groups or municipalities, while the other 40 percent will be added to Pennsylvania's general fund, said Tor Michaels, chief of staff for Rep. Scott Conklin, D-Centre.

The money bound for the general fund will likely be used to balance the budget.

Kaplan said Pegula's former company, East Resources, was the second largest natural gas industry donor, with a donation of \$427,500 given to Republican candidates. Pegula sold East Resources to Royal Dutch Shell for \$4.7 billion earlier this year.

Corbett, meanwhile, is far and away the candidate who has received the most money — \$372,720 — from gas industry donations.

His opponent, Onorato, has received only \$74,300 from the industry. Both figures came from Common Cause's new project called [marcellusmoney.org](http://marcellusmoney.org), which tracks the industry's campaign donations.

Kaplan acknowledged that the Department of State, which often has lower figures for donations than Common Cause, tracks official campaign contributions. But he also said the government database isn't complete

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# Pasquerilla holds food, faith event

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Penn State students socialized over cultural foods and drinks Wednesday afternoon while learning about the relationship between religions and food.

The Food and Faith event was held in the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center.

Beth Bradley, the assistant director of Pasquerilla, said Penn State students needed to experience this event to become connected to different communities. Bradley said both the event and the spiritual center are important.

"We're about managing a multi-faith community," she said.

Four different faith-based groups participated in the event. Nausheel Unnadkat (graduate-food science) is a part of the Penn State Vedic Society, which uses food and yoga to help the soul, body, mind and intellect, Unnadkat said.

"Compassion enacts to all living beings. Vegetarianism is our diet that is closest to this belief,"

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Katie Thompson  
(freshman - anthropology)

Unnadkat said. "We try to align ourselves with what God says and God says to keep a vegetarian diet."

The Vedic Society also offers the Yoga of Sound Vibrations program to other students, he said.

Also participating was the Latter Day Saints Student Association (LDSSA). Bobby Marion (graduate-law), the group's president, focused on how his religion teaches reliance and understanding.

"Food and religion go hand in hand because food can draw you closer to God or further away from God," he said. "Food storage is a principal of self-reliance. We need to be prepared for personal or natural disasters."

Food also holds importance in physical needs, he said.

Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship President Adam

Boyer (junior-history and political science) shared how food is used as fellowship in his faith.

"Food brings us together as a denomination. No matter what religion we are, we all eat and that brings us together," he said.

The fourth group in attendance at Food and Faith was Penn State Hillel, a campus Jewish group. The group taught a lesson on how to make bread called challah and offered samples.

Katie Thompson said was highly interested when she heard about the event.

"We didn't have exposure to something like this at high school," Thompson (freshman-anthropology) said. "You get a window into other cultures and this window just happens to be edible."

— Collegian staff writer Megan Rogers contributed to this report.

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