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# Man who paraded naked teen guilty of kidnap

by Dave Rusler

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The young woman said her former boyfriend had "degraded and humiliated" her after mistakenly thinking she had given him a sexually transmitted disease last March 5.

Assistant District Attorney Theresa Brunson said Khayree Copeland, 22, of 17th Street near South, forced the 19-year-old woman to remove her clothing, then paraded her about 20 blocks in the early

morning as she shivered and pleaded for her clothing and freedom.

Whenever they passed anyone, the woman was ordered to say, "I burned him," Brunson said.

The prosecutor said Copeland asked people in two parked cars if they wanted his captive, but then prevented her from getting in, saying, "You don't want her."

After a jury heard the lurid details this week, Copeland was convicted of kidnaping and 1st-degree imprisonment charges. He was acquitted of indecent assault,

reckless endangerment, terroristic threats, corrupting the morals of a minor (the victim was 17 at the time) and simple assault.

Common Pleas Judge Patricia McInerney deferred sentence and allowed Copeland, an auditor, to remain free on bail.

Brunson said that when the two passed a closed bar, Copeland told the woman, "You're lucky the bar is closed, because if it was open, I would take you in there and let them do whatever they wanted to do to you."

Finally, Copeland took her back to his apartment building, told her to wait outside, and went in and got her jacket and sneakers.

"Where's the rest of my clothes?" she asked.

"It's not over yet," replied Copeland to the shivering woman. He then took her to Broad and South streets, took back the jacket and sneakers, and began walking away.

Cops spotted the nude, screaming woman and arrested Copeland nearby. ■

# Man stuck 40 hrs. in N.Y. elevator

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A magazine employee got trapped in the elevator at his high-rise office over the weekend and screamed, banged on the walls and tried climbing out through the ceiling before someone finally noticed him on a video monitor — 40 hours after he got stuck.

Nicholas White, a production manager for Business Week, emerged Sunday afternoon from the elevator at his 51-story building at Rockefeller Center. He refused medical attention but took two days off from work.

"I'm still a little shaky," he said Tuesday.

Sandy Manley, a spokeswoman for Rockefeller Center Management Corp., said officials are trying to determine who should have been monitoring the building's security cameras.

White was working late Friday night to finish a project when he left his 43rd-floor office for a cigarette break. A split-second voice

drop caused the elevator to stall just above the 13th floor. White yelled, pounded on the elevator's walls and pushed every button.

It wasn't until Sunday afternoon — after someone saw him a video monitor — that the elevator started up again.

Steve Weiss, a spokesman for McGraw-Hill, which owns Business Week, said the company has asked Rockefeller Center to explain how White could have gone unnoticed for so long.

Joe Russo, whose firm, American Communications, installs security systems in Wall Street-area buildings, said high-rises like those in Rockefeller Center usually have 24-hour live feeds from elevator cameras, with monitors at a security desk.

"There's a guy who sits there who's supposed to check the cameras once in a while," Russo said.

"When I heard the story on the radio this morning, the first thing I said was, 'These guys were either sleeping or they weren't monitoring the cameras.' ■

# Dead crow in S. Jersey tests positive for virus

by Ramona Smith

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The shadow of a deadly mystery virus has moved directly into the Philadelphia area with the discovery of an infected crow in Burlington County, N.J.

The dead bird, found in the Moorestown area, tested positive for the mosquito-transmitted West Nile-like encephalitis, county officials said yesterday.

Only time will tell if the bird is really a bad omen. But officials said yesterday there was "currently no evidence" of a local outbreak of the disease, which has killed six people in New York.

"The state advises us that there is no cause for serious concern unless four infected birds or more are found in a particular area," said county Public Health Coordinator Walter Trombetta Jr. "Still, residents are encouraged to avoid areas where mosquitoes breed, or to wear long-sleeved shirts and

long pants, and to apply insect repellent when outdoors for extended periods."

The virus has now been found in at least three dozen dead birds in 11 New Jersey counties, including Monmouth, Middlesex and Hunterdon. The Moorestown crow was the farthest south.

No human cases of the disease have been confirmed in New Jersey or Pennsylvania. Of about 150 mosquito samples tested, only one batch, in Hudson County, N.J., has tested positive.

And with colder weather threatening to kill off the mosquitoes, health officials are optimistic that the disease is waning — at least for this year.

The virus, similar to the West Nile strain never before seen in the western hemisphere, is carried by crows and other birds bitten by infected mosquitoes. The birds can then pass it to other mosquitoes that, in turn, pass it to humans. ■

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# Forced to walk in nude

## Man sentenced to jail for coercing girlfriend

by Dave Racher

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Being forced to parade nude for 20 blocks through Center City last March "has ruined my life," said the 18-year-old woman.

"I have nightmares," she said. "I don't feel safe anywhere."

Her former boyfriend, Khayree Copeland, 22, of 17th Street near South, a hotel auditor, called it "an unfortunate incident."

Copeland denied ordering the woman to remove her clothing after accusing her of giving him a sexually transmitted disease.

He insisted that on March 5, she took off her own clothing and left his apartment. Common Pleas Judge Patricia McInerney didn't believe him.

"  
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feel safe  
anymore.  
"

The victim

McInerney told him she felt he had a "very serious problem," then sentenced him to 11½ to 23 months in prison plus three years' probation for kidnapping and false imprisonment.

Copeland was acquitted of indecent assault, reckless endangerment, terroristic threats, corrupting the morals of a minor (the victim was 17 at the time) and simple assault.

McInerney also ordered Copeland to undergo "anger management" counseling and to receive treatment at a center for sex offenders.

Assistant District Attorney Theresa Brunson said Copeland had forced the woman into the street, ignoring the early-morning frigid weather, and when they passed anyone, made her say, "I burned him."

Brunson said Copeland asked people in two parked cars if they wanted his captive, but then prevented her from getting in, saying, "You don't want her."

At one point, said Brunson, Copeland saw a closed bar and told the woman, "You're lucky the bar is closed, because if it was open, I would take you in there and let them do whatever they wanted to do to you."

Police arrested Copeland near Broad and South streets after spotting the nude, screaming woman.

After Brunson accused Copeland of showing "no remorse," he said, "I'm really sorry for what happened."

Copeland's lawyer said his client was supporting his ailing mother, and asked McInerney to delay the start of the sentence.

The judge refused the request. ■