



Always Believe Women? Boy's Life Destroyed by Girls' False Allegations

The accusations plaguing Brett Kavanaugh have captivated the nation. Yet they're not as damning as two relatively recent allegations of sexual assault made against a Pennsylvania teen — allegations that were backed by corroborating witnesses.

Until a few of the female accusers admitted they'd lied simply because they didn't like the boy.

Unfortunately, this admission came only after they'd ruined his life.



Now the teen's parents, Michael J. and Alecia Flood of Zelienople, Butler County, have filed a federal lawsuit seeking "unspecified civil damages against the girls' parents, the school district and Butler County District Attorney Richard Goldinger's office. The lawsuit … alleges they 'conspired in person and via electronic communication devices to falsely accuse T.F. of sexual assault on two occasions,'" reports *Trib Live*.

The problems for the boy, identified only as "T.F.," began in 2017 when he was attending Seneca Valley High School (SVHS) and working as a lifeguard at a local pool with an SVHS graduate named Megan Villegas (the only teen in this story old enough to be named). In July of that year, a girl identified as K.S. accused T.F. of sexually assaulting her at the pool, and Villegas claimed she was present and witnessed the crime.

Consequently, T.F. was fired at the pool and ultimately was "charged in juvenile court with indecent assault and two counts of harassment," the *Trib* informs. But his problems weren't over.

In March of this year, a friend of K.S., identified as C.S., accused T.F. of entering her home uninvited and sexually assaulting her. Two other girls, identified as E.S. and H.R, corroborated her story. Here's what transpired as a result:

- T.F. was charged with indecent assault, criminal trespass, and simple assault.
- He was removed from class at SVHS and placed in leg and wrist shackles.
- A juvenile probation officer testified in court that T.F. was a threat to the community, "and the teenager had to spend nine days in a juvenile detention center before being released on home-electronic monitoring," writes the *Trib*.
- Even after 28 days, he was only allowed outdoors to mow his lawn.
- T.F. was told he may not play baseball "because every time he was wearing a Seneca Valley jersey, he was representing a school," the lawsuit states.
- He was bullied by classmates; one example was when students "placed masking tape with the word 'PREDATOR' written on it on his back without his knowledge during choir practice," the *Trib* informs.



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In May, however, three of the witnesses admitted they'd lied. As the *Trib* reports, "In a tape-recorded interview with school officials in 2017, the lawsuit alleges K.S. said she made the sexual assault claim against T.F. because 'I just don't like him.'"

"'I just don't like to hear him talk.... I don't like to look at him,' K.S. reportedly disclosed in the recorded interview," the news organ continues.

K.S. also "told fellow students 'that she would do anything to get T.F. expelled ... and accused T.F. of sexual assault' with school officials, the lawsuit states," the *Trib* further relates.

Of course, while the politically correct line is that no one listens to female victims, the unsurprising truth is quite the opposite. As the Floods' attorney, Craig Fishman, stated, "Once the allegations were proven false, they [school officials] really didn't care one bit about T.F. and there has [sic] been absolutely no repercussions against the girls." T.F. is now being homeschooled.

Another fashionable view is that women hardly ever lie about sexual assault, with many citing a phony and discredited two percent figure. Yet even liberal *Slate* admitted in 2014 that false rape accusations are not uncommon, while *Bloomberg* stated the same year that the exact figure is unknown. But here's what we do know: Stories of false sexual-assault allegations are legion. Here's a sampling:

- The infamous Tawana Brawley case in 1987
- The Brian Banks affair in 2002
- The Duke University lacrosse rape frame-up case in 2006
- The **Jonathan Montgomery case** in 2007
- The Hofstra University case in 2009
- The <u>accusations against</u> the Virginia Alpha Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi in 2014 (*Rolling Stone* debacle)
- The 2013 accusation against singer-songwriter Conor Oberst
- Fox News host Tucker Carlson's report that he has been falsely accused of sexual misconduct

Moreover, the Innocence Project, which endeavors to exonerate individuals wrongly convicted and imprisoned, <u>lists 278 people</u> (all or virtually all men) freed after having been wrongly imprisoned for sexual crimes.

This, not to mention all the <u>faked hate crimes</u> — most of which appear to have been <u>perpetrated by women</u>.

Unfortunately, for all society's talk about "treating women as equals," they instead are treated as children in these matters; that is to say, have you ever heard of a woman being held accountable for leveling false sexual misconduct charges? If there are such examples, they're so vanishingly rare that I can't think of one.

In fact, consider what happened when the aforementioned Conor Oberst brought a libel suit against his accuser, Joanie Faircloth. As *Slate* reported in 2014, "Instead of showing sympathy for the ordeal of the musician — one known for being supportive of feminist issues — some chided him for taking legal action to defend himself against a false, career-damaging charge. In the *Daily Dot*, pop culture critic Chris Ostendorf decried the lawsuit, arguing that it could intimidate real victims of rape and that it promoted the idea of men as victims of false accusations — even though that's exactly what Oberst was.



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After Oberst dropped the suit, *Bustle's* Caroline Pate praised his decision and referred to the saga as 'a roller-coaster for both parties' — treating the false accuser and the wrongly accused as morally equivalent — and called the revelation of Oberst's innocence 'crushingly disappointing.'"

This brings us to the notion, expressed by Hillary Clinton, Senator Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), and others that "women should be believed." Of course, this is as silly as saying that "men should be believed," whites or blacks should be believed, or "Herders from the Mongolian steppes should be believed." Note that there were times and places in which women were thought so unreliable that they weren't even allowed to testify in court. (If you want to make a feminist's head explode, convince her to read what 19th-century philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer wrote about women.)

Now Western society has done a 180-degree about-face. Indulging what I've dubbed the "New Chivalry" — and what some would call woman worship — we often ascribe to females uniquely ethereal qualities. Yet note that a recent poll on the Kavanaugh affair showed that women were less likely than men to believe his accuser Christine Blasey Ford. I have a theory on this.

Women know other women.

A woman very close to me has said, unabashedly, that she believes women lie more than men do; a woman close to her concurs. Another lady close to me stated that she once knew a woman who would tell men she'd been raped simply because "she liked the reaction she got." Then there was the 2015 survey in which some women <u>admitted</u> to lying as much as 30 times daily (more than the male respondents).

This commentary can, of course, spark a battle of the sexes. But the point is that while we may say boys will be boys, we forget that girls will be girls. Psychologists, not known for hewing to traditional notions, tell us that female bullying is different from male bullying in that it tends to be *psychological* — and that, among other things, it involves "rumor-spreading." Yet if you claim that maybe, just perhaps, quite possibly, this happened to Brett Kavanaugh, you're a misogynist.

Sadly, there's every reason to believe that false sexual-misconduct accusations are only becoming more common. Not only is there no accountability for perpetrators, but as with mass shootings, there's the copycat phenomenon. Roll the dice and accuse a man and you just may get what you want — with little downside.

As for the New Chivalry, do note that an exception is when believing a woman threatens leftist power, as with the Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) case. Not only don't the Democrats believe his accuser, Karen Monahan, but, she <u>says</u>, "I've been smeared, threatened, isolated from my own party."

Interestingly, a book long popular with the Left has been *To Kill a Mockingbird*, loosely based on the true story of a woman who falsely accuses a man of rape. I wonder, when today's alt-Left watches the film adaptation, do they root for the accuser?

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