

Doctor accused of raping Nantwich woman

GP denies attacking 27-year-old at her home

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A DOCTOR has denied raping a Nantwich woman after a night out to celebrate his new job.

Dr Qamar Siddiqi, 32, of Hawksey Drive, Stapeley, is on trial at Chester Crown Court accused of attacking the 27-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, at her home on October 11 last year.

Siddiqi had been working at Middlewich Medical Centre for nine months when he found a new job at Eagle Bridge Health and Wellbeing Centre in Crewe.

Staff and friends went for a night out in Sandbach on October 10 to celebrate before the pair were dropped off in Nantwich in a taxi. The prosecution say the attack happened in the woman's living room.

The next day, Siddiqi sent her a text message saying: "I'm mortified by my behaviour. I was like a dog on heat. Are you OK?"

Myles Wilson, prosecuting, said the defendant invited himself into the woman's home for a drink. "There was no suggestion of romance," he said. "She was engaged to her boyfriend who was working overseas and the defendant was supposed to be getting married the following week.

"She made them both a drink of brandy and at first they were just chatting. But he wanted to take it further than that. He got so worked up that he wouldn't take no for an answer."

The woman said: "We put some music on and he said he'd show me how to dance. Then I sat on the floor and he said: 'Do you like massages?'

"I said yes but then he started touching my legs. I said: 'What are you playing at?'"

Siddiqi is then alleged to have raped the woman, who suffered a carpet burn on her ankle, a sore neck and bruising to her thighs and left breast.

Siddiqi, described as a popular gentleman and patients' favourite, pleaded not guilty and is adamant that he was invited into her home by the woman. In a police statement read out in court he said: "There came a point where she said we should stop what we're doing and that is when she said: 'I think you had better go.'

"I didn't feel like it was all me. I did feel wrong about it because it was irresponsible of me to find myself half-naked with another woman."

He said he had seen the effects rapists had on their victims.

Siddiqi added: "There's no way I would have continued if she wasn't happy with what was going on," and described the whole episode as 'very passive'.

When quizzed about the text message, Siddiqi said being 'like a dog on heat' meant he was unable to stop himself cheating on his fiancée, who is now his wife.

The trial continues.

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