

COULD IT HAVE BEEN.....?

Victims of Human Trafficking:

Symptoms of GHB Poisoning

"I woke up with a splitting headache."

"The morning after I was raped while unconscious, I had a sick feeling of impending doom."

"I had a fever for several hours after waking up."

"My body felt numb to pain or sensation for several hours after waking up. I accidentally burned myself on the stove while making breakfast and felt no pain."

"I felt extreme thirst with dehydration immediately upon waking up, even though I did not consume any alcohol the night before."

"I felt exhausted soon after dinner and felt like I needed to pass out before my bedtime. I had no alcohol with dinner."

"I was raped while I was unconscious."

Symptoms of Poisoning from Drugs Used in Drug-Assisted Sexual Assault (unknown drug)

"I observed that my tongue has a reddish-brown color every day for several weeks even if I use my toothbrush to brush my tongue."

"The teeth on one side of my mouth are stained the color of gingerbread and I haven't smoked any tobacco for several years."

"The day after I was drugged, I had a metallic taste in my mouth for about 10 minutes with extreme thirst."

"I found a pink-brown stain on my pillow from my drool."

"I found a few stains on my sheets that looked like drops of ruby-pink liquid."

"I have semen on my bedspread."

Police Officer Interviewing Rape Victim for Police Report:

Symptoms of GHB Poisoning

"Could it have been from dehydration? Did you drink alcohol the night before?"

"Could it be from depression?"

"Could your body have been fighting a cold or a flu?"

"Did you wake up still drunk? Did you have any alcohol to drink that morning or smoke any drugs? Are you being honest about your alcohol/drug abuse?"

"Did you sweat a lot the day before? You said you had a fever, did you lose water from sweating while you slept?"

"Did you overeat? Could it have been a food-induced exhaustion?"

"How do you know?"

Symptoms of Poisoning from Drugs Used in Drug-Assisted Sexual Assault (unknown drug)

"Could it be from a food or beverage you regularly ingest that is staining your tongue?"

"Could it be those stains are leftover from your tobacco use several years ago and you didn't notice it until recently?"

"Could it have been you were detoxing something that has nothing to do with poisoning or rape?"

"Could you have had a nosebleed?"

"Could it have been from pen ink or from food? Did you eat in bed? Did you use a pen writing in bed?"

"Could it have been whiteout that you spilled while writing in bed?"

Victims of Human Trafficking:

Signs of Breaking & Entering

"I noticed the day after I was raped while unconscious that there were some things missing from my bedroom."

"The deadbolt on my front door was loose the next day. The lock doesn't turn the same as it did the day before."

"I left my bedroom and when I returned from a different room I was able to smell the body odor of a stranger."

"I was afraid I would be raped again while drugged unconscious at night during my bedtime, so I put a small barricade in front of my door, hoping the noise might wake me up if someone broke into my hotel room. When I woke up, I saw the barricade had been moved."

Signs of Assault

"There was blood on my underwear and on my toilet paper from my vagina and it was not the time of the month for my menstruation."

"There was blood on my underwear and on my toilet paper from my anus."

"I have large bruises on my body from being assaulted."

"I noticed the next morning that my hair smelled like stinky feet."

"I woke up with pink eye (conjunctivitis) and removed a piece of debris in my lower eyelid that looked like feces."

"I have extreme soreness and tenderness on one side of my rib cage. It feels like I was pinned under a large weight."

"I felt ragged and raw in my nervous system all day."

Police Officer Interviewing Rape Victim for Police Report:

Signs of Breaking & Entering

"Could you have misplaced the things you lost and just don't remember where you left them?"

"Sometimes things just break down from wear and tear. My furnace randomly stopped working one day and it wasn't because anyone broke in."

"Do you have PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)? Could it have been a flashback?"

"Could it have been that you didn't remember where you left it? Were you really tired before you went to bed? Do you know for certain exactly what position the barricade was in? Are you absolutely sure that isn't where you left it?"

Signs of Assault

"Could it be from something else? Have you been checked by a doctor for menstrual irregularities?"

"You should stop having rough anal sex if it is causing rectal bleeding."

"How do you know your bruises are from assault? Could you have bruised yourself the day before without realizing what you did?"

"Could your hair have picked up some odors from commuting by public transportation and you didn't smell it until the next morning? Clothes can smell like cigarettes from second-hand smoke."

"Could an insect have flown into your eye while you were in the REM stage of sleeping?"

"Did you sleep in a weird position? Sometimes people get sore from sleeping in the wrong position."

"You could see a therapist and get some help for the stress you cause yourself by believing you were raped."

Victims of Human Trafficking:

Signs of Assault (continued from previous page)

"A few days after I was raped unconscious, I developed large clusters of blemishes on areas of my body where feces was spread and then cleaned off."

"For a few days after I was raped unconscious, I suffered joint pain."

"The next day I was very sore in my neck, as if my body had been moved around as a dead weight."

"I woke up with a pubic hair in my throat."

Experience of Rape While Conscious

"I said No."

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"I removed my consent by verbalizing it loudly and clearly."

"I experienced severe emotional pain during the rape."

"I experienced physical pain during the rape."

"I was attacked and assaulted while I laid in bed."

"I was attacked and assaulted while in a public space."

Experience of Law Enforcement Denying Crime Victim Protection

"I continue to be poisoned and raped every night by people who break into my home."

"Now that I have filed a report, I want to get a rape kit exam."

"I want to press charges with the forensic evidence in the rape kit."

Police Officer Interviewing Rape Victim for Police Report:

Signs of Assault (continued from previous page)

"How do you know your blemishes are from anyone putting feces on your skin? Could your blemishes have been from a hormonal imbalance or allergic reaction to a skin product?"

"How do you know it was from assault? Could you have injured yourself and you didn't remember what you did?"

"Did you sleep in a weird position? Sometimes people get sore from sleeping in the wrong position."

"How do you know it was a pubic hair? Could it be that you ate something before you went to bed that got lodged in your throat?"

Experience of Rape While Conscious

"Could he/she maybe have misunderstood what you meant?"

"Could he/she maybe have been experimenting with some sort of kink?"

"How do you know that he/she could have heard you?"

"Men do a lot of stupid things during sex. It doesn't mean he raped you."

"Could it have been your personal issues that were present during the sex you consented to?"

"Where did you feel pain? Could it have been from something else?"

"Did it happen after you had went to sleep? Could you have woken up from a nightmare and had a PTSD flashback?"

"Was there an eyewitness?"

Experience of Law Enforcement Denying Crime Victim Protection

"Do you lock your doors? Have you done anything about home security?"

"We don't just give those out."

"The rape kit does not prove you were raped. You could have consented to sex and lied to frame the person whose DNA was on your body."