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Faked assault angers police, community

Chief Scott: Lack of video evidence proved lie

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When her co-worker's girlfriend discovered them, Heather Atkins, 23, woke up with a black eye.

Columbia police said the woman allegedly assaulted Atkins and her co-worker early Friday morning. But the story Atkins and her co-worker told two days later turned her from a victim into an alleged cheater.

On Sunday, Atkins told police that she had been walking alone in Five Points around 3 a.m. Friday when she was punched in the face. Two black men then carried her behind Harry's Restaurant, where one sat on her shoulders and the other allegedly assaulted her, she said. The alleged attacker also took $20 in cash as well as a $1,200 camera before pulling Atkins' drunken "out of her wallet and saying, "This is where you live now."

If you tell the police, "Well, if you were going to pull up his dirt to expose a black male," Atkins said, "Then take it a step further and tuck into his waistband, according to the two allegations.

After going to police on Sunday, Atkins was released into the Palm Cove Health Richland. Police contacted Carey and spoke with Atkins' friends and co-workers.

After the tapes delivered no leads, Atkins was brought in by police to be interviewed again. Scott said that police censored the area of the alleged assault and spoke with Atkins' friends and co-workers.

"I don't think any investigation discovered that Atkins' story was unaltered," Scott said. "I think the people have"

She confessed to investigators on Tuesday that the entire report that had been made up because she was "too embarrassed to tell the truth." Scott said in a Monday Press conference that Atkins had been charged with filing a false police report and giving false information to the police, both felony charges.

"The law on the theft and use of power and the many calls her office had been making about the incident," Atkins said. "The investigation by Columbia law enforcement as a whole would have sexual assault or even one that he had the whole community that this allegation that Atkins did not happen in that way that Atkins was arrested," Scott said. "This in itself is something that really breaks the trust and further puts a fear of violence in our community that is not there now."

This incident is especially significant due to the recent concerns over safety in Five Points, Executive Director of the Five Points Association Merrill Morris said at a Wednesday meeting.

"One thing that is positive about this is that if anyone wants to project a false story, our cameras will prove it's a false story," Atkins said. "The "video was proved that this girl was lying. You know who her co-worker was."
spread the word that the SAVIP office, or Sexual Assault Violence Intervention and Prevention, offers the opportunity to anonymously report sexual assault to the appropriate authorities. We want you to not report because you are afraid that your information or the perpetrator’s will get out there,” Ingram said. “One in six women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. This is important.”

The SAVIP office is on the first floor of Thomson Student Health Center and offers a variety of services for those that suspect that sexual assault may have occurred to them or someone they know. They even offer assistance taking suspected victims to a hospital to be examined.

Pamela Jacobs, the executive director for the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, spoke of her personal experience with domestic violence. “I’m a survivor of childhood sexual abuse myself,” Jacobs said. “By intervening and standing up for each other, we can stop this. That’s my dream, and I know we can get there.” Jacobs revealed that South Carolina is now second in the nation for the number of women murdered by men. Jacobs stressed that most of these murders are domestic-violence related. “Any time someone forces you or coerces you into doing something (sexually) that you don’t want to, that’s rape,” Jacobs said. “Any time is the right time to reach out to somebody for help.”
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December 7
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It’s time.

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Atlas Road Crew will release their first EP, recorded with Hostie and the Blowfish producer Mark Bryant, at 5 Points Pub tonight. The album was funded through a Kickstarter campaign. It’s been a lot of luck, but also a lot of other things thrown in,” added bassist Max Becker. Of course, just a few months ago, the dream of recording and releasing the first Crew EP was still just a dream. But with the help of a successful campaign launched on Kickstarter, the Crew was able to raise $4,667, an 11 percent over-and-above increase from their intended goal. Tonight, that EP titled the Awendaw Sessions EP and recorded alongside Hostie and the Blowfish producer Mark Bryant at his home in Awendaw, S.C., will grow its groovy walking legs, taking the Crew sound out of the south and transplanting it in music scenes across the United States.

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hired a manager to help light the way, and more recently, the band released a single featuring Ben G and Regina Ferguson, aptly titled “Bottom of Love” on iTunes.

And if this cut is a foreshadowing of the tight yet laid-back earliness of their upcoming EP, then fans (and soon-to-be fans) are in for a real down-home delight.

“A lot of the work we did in the studio really made our traditional influences stronger,” explained vocalist Taylor Nicholson. “Artists like Neil Young, Led Zeppelin, Rolling Stones: those are the people we’ve always infused into our music and those are the ones we’ll continue to look up to.

The Atlas Road Crew EP release party will be at the 5 Points Pub tonight at 9 p.m. Tickets are priced at $8 to $8 (depending on your legal status) and the night will feature a few surprise opening acts to get the crowd amped up for the Crew to take the stage. The Pub will be fully loaded with Crew gear — EP copies, t-shirts and other merchandise will be up for grabs to paying customers. Sure, it’s a chance for fans to nab a hard copy of the band’s music, but more importantly, it’s a celebration of the rebirth of classic rock and toasting how far the little storage-unit-band-that-could has come. And maybe the perfect time to embrace the calm before the storm.

“We’re so proud and thrilled to show everyone how much work we’ve been doing,” said drummer Patrick Desham. “Atlas Road Crew has so much to offer to every music fan and we’re ready to keep steering this rig in the right direction. It’s been a wild ride so far and we hope it just keeps getting wilder.”

Atlas Road Crew will also be playing in Charleston at the Malthouse Bar and Grill Nov. 15, and back at the Pub Dec. 1.

For a full schedule and more information on the band, visit their website at www.atlasroadcrew.com.

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Robinson says ball security is top priority, starters available for unit

Isabelle Khodabandeh

Special teams coach Joe Robinson isn’t sure what was going through his mind when, seemingly everything went wrong for his unit at Florida, but it probably wasn’t work.

“That’s what I’ll say I’m not sure,” said Robinson. “You’re not going to play the next snap. If we stand on the sideline, I think, ‘Boy, this is really something and everybody’s going wrong’. Then that’s probably not very good. All we can do is try to play the next snap and try to do better.”

After the worst special teams performance of the season by the Gamecocks, USC isn’t letting the panic button just yet.

“These fumble, an average of 19.6 yards per punt and a blocked field goal were the highlights of the USC special teams play at Florida.

“Every week we’ve got things we need to fix – some of them this week were just a little bit more obvious to everybody,” Robinson said.

The fumbles were the most costly of ball security that we teach and they were not followed.”

Robinson said. “That’s a really bad time for that. The guys that are starters, they’re not playing on some special teams. I hope we can learn from this. If we can learn from this it will be insane to just hand the ball to that many people. We’ve got to kind of build up that confidence in them because they’ve been pretty good all year.”

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Though Spurrier was “obviously a priority, but he said there were times after USC’s 1-0 loss at Kentucky on Saturday.

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