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The alleged victim in the sexual assault trial of a Chicago police sergeant testified Monday that she smoked crack cocaine throughout the night in question.

The 42-year-old woman testified that she went walking to purchase cigarettes and alcohol, to consume with the second batch of drugs she had bought that night, when she was stopped by Police Sgt. John Herman.

"I'm thinking I am fitting to go to jail because I left the crack out," the woman said. "I was going to get my ID from my purse, but I didn't get there. He told me to take off my clothes."

Herman, 42, is charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault, aggravated kidnapping and official misconduct in connection with the 2004 incident.

Prosecutors said DNA tests of a condom and tissues left in the woman's apartment found a match to Herman. But Herman's attorney, Peter Hickey, said the sex was consensual. He called into question the credibility of the woman, saying that she gave conflicting accounts of when the attack allegedly took place.

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