

Cop raped woman in infant's bed, called her 'ghetto': vic

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An unhinged Michigan cop allegedly forced his way into his ex-girlfriend's house, called her a "ghetto piece of s---" and sexually assaulted her on a bed as her infant daughter slept beside them, the woman testified last week.

Ryan James Bruggink, a 24-year-old who resigned from the force in Grand Rapids after the department learned about the case against him, allegedly showed up at his unidentified ex-

girlfriend's home and brutally assaulted her early in the morning of Nov. 25, MLive.com reported.

After the woman's disturbing testimony during last Wednesday's preliminary hearing, prosecutors added two counts of criminal sexual conduct to Bruggink's charges, which already included criminal sexual conduct and home invasion, according to the outlet. Bruggink could face life behind bars if he's convicted, MLive reported.

The alleged victim said that Bruggink began rifling through her possessions. When she asked him to stop, he showed her his badge, according to the Raw Story blog.

The cop then proceeded to rape her on the very bed where her 7-month-old daughter was asleep, the victim told authorities. She said the off-duty cop told her she was a "ghetto piece of s--" and said he loved her so much he hated it, the blog reported.

She said Bruggink had been drinking at a bar that night, and that he brandished a knife and threatened to slay her cat.

The alleged assault continued in another room, where Bruggink is accused of forcibly penetrating and choking her.

"I couldn't breathe," the woman told the court, MLive reported. "I couldn't even talk."

She finally managed to free her arms enough to fight back, and eventually tossed a garbage can at her aggressor, who decided to leave shortly afterward, she said. The cop called her the next



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day to apologize and claimed they had consensual sex, according to MLive.

Under questioning from Robert Hackett, Bruggink's lawyer, the alleged victim said she caught him cheating on her when they were dating last year, and told the cop that his career could be in danger. The two had rough but consensual sexual encounters even after the relationship had ended, she said, but nothing as

extreme as the night of Nov. 25.

The Grand Rapids Police Department placed Bruggink on leave on Dec. 1, five days after the Michigan State Police began investigating him, WOOD-TV reported. The cop, who had been on the beat for only a few months, resigned the following day.

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