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British actor Michael Ward, known for his role in the Netflix series “Top Boy,” has been charged with rape and sexual assault.  
  
The 27-year-old ward appeared in a London court to face the charges, which include two counts of rape, two counts of assault by penetration, and one count of sexual assault against one woman in January 2023.  
  
He denied all charges in a statement last month, saying he had cooperated with police throughout their investigation.  
  
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Ward’s career has been marked by critical acclaim, including a BAFTA Rising Star award in 2020 and nominations for his performances in “Small Axe” and “Empire of Light.”  
  
He has also landed a role in the upcoming Hollywood movie “Eddington” alongside Joaquin Phoenix and Pedro Pascal.  
  
Ward was granted conditional bail and is set to appear at Snaresbrook Crown Court on September 25, with the condition that he not contact the alleged victim.