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Full text: A SCHOOL PE teacher accused of raping a woman after a city centre drinking session told jurors he had "absolutely no doubt whatsoever" that his alleged victim consented to having sex.

Patrick Breen, who is head of year at Childwall Academy, took to the witness stand to defend claims he raped a woman at his home in Southampton Drive, Garston.

His pregnant wife was asleep upstairs.

Breen, 30, admitted drinking a huge amount of alcohol on a night out in Liverpool with his alleged victim and others.

He said he could recall little of the night and could not recall flashbacks of having sex with the woman until "one or two days" after being arrested and quizzed by police.

Breen told jurors that the alleged victim began to kiss him after he tapped her on the shoulder as he lay on a sofa.

They previously heard that she had drunk as many as 10 vodkas, half a bottle of Prosecco and more shots including Jaegerbombs while out with Breen in city centre bars.

He said: "I remember she turned around from lying on her left side, she rolled around [...] the next thing I recall is that she reached up and kissed me on the lips and one of her hands she placed on my genitals.

"We continued kissing for a short time. I can't recall how long for. The next memory I have, I recall I took off my own trousers. I really can't recall how she took off hers."

Asked by his barrister, Nicholas Johnson, if he believed the sex was consensual, Breen replied: "Absolutely. Certainly."

He added: "There's absolutely no doubt whatsoever in my mind that it was 100% consensual."

Breen said he could recall doing up his trousers and that his next memory was waking up the following morning.

At 10.29am, the day of his arrest, Breen sent a text to his alleged victim saying he felt as "rough as a bear's a***". He made no mention of having sex.

The prosecution case is that the alleged victim passed out unconscious and was incapable of consenting.

Breen denies rape.

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