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Charles Everitt Fisher has been freed from an allegation that he raped a teenage girl, then dumped her in a driveway, where she was run over by a truck.

Fisher, 24, was arrested in December and charged with sexual battery on a helpless victim and giving alcohol to a minor, a misdemeanor. On June 10, Circuit Judge Richard Albritton dismissed the rape charge and adjudicated Fisher guilty of the misdemeanor and sentenced him to time served.

Assistant Public Defender Stan Peacock filed a motion June 2, asking Albritton to toss the rape charge because the alleged victim said in a sworn statement she had consensual sex with Fisher.

The girl, who was 17 at the time of the incident, made the statement in a May 7 deposition.

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"There's a fine line between somebody who has been drinking and has sex and somebody who is unable to resist because of being intoxicated, which is what the allegation is," Grammer said.

Grammer said he did not know why it took so long for the teen to clarify the situation but said her injuries from "crawling under" a vehicle and being run over complicated the case.

On Dec. 16, a man backing out of his driveway in Panama City felt a bump, looked under his truck and discovered he had driven over the teen. She was taken to Bay Medical Center with a ruptured spleen and severe scrapes from being dragged by the truck.

In December, Springfield Police Chief Philip Thorne said the girl, whose name is not being released, told a family member and nurse that she had been raped at Springfield Walking Park on Transmitter Road. She gave investigators Fisher's name.

In Peacock's motion, Fisher admitted giving the girl alcohol the night of Dec. 15. David Angier, News Herald Writer 747-5077 / dangier@pcnh.com

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