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Sex Assault Alleged In Band's Bus

Journal Staff Report

A 19-year-old Albuquerque woman told police she was sexually assaulted in a Linkin Park tour bus Wednesday night by a member of the band's touring crew.

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Erin Kinnard-Thompson said two women leaving the Journal Pavilion concert flagged down a deputy at about midnight and said one of them had been assaulted. The woman identified the man she said assaulted her, and deputies brought the man in for questioning, Kinnard-Thompson said.

Deputies did not have enough evidence to hold the man, and he is no longer in custody. Kinnard-Thompson said deputies will continue to investigate the allegations and any witnesses who may have been in the vicinity.

She said Linkin Park representatives have been cooperative with the investigation.

A Journal Pavilion representative reached late Thursday said she was not aware of the allegations and had no comment.

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