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# Teen: Ex-cop persuaded me to have sex when I was 14-year-old runaway

She takes witness stand to reveal New Year's Day encounter in Manhattan apartment

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A baby-faced teen testified Wednesday that an ex-cop persuaded her to have sex with him when she was 14 years old.

Taking the stand in the former officer's rape trial, the soft-spoken 16-year-old described how she ran away from her father's home in Brooklyn because she felt alone on Dec. 31, 2010, when she was still 14.

She said she train hopped and got off about an hour later when she was approached by accused predator Darrin Nemelc, 45, who took her to his upper Manhattan apartment early on New Year's Day 2011.

The girl — who appeared on the witness stand wearing a brown sweater with a cartoon animal and silver headband — seemed nervous as she discussed how he persuaded her to perform oral sex more than once and tried to have sex with her, even though it hurt her.

She said Nemelc persuaded her to take a bath, telling her, "You know, you stink."

He then joined her in the tub and began fondling her and washing her, she said.

"At that point did you want to engage in any sexual behavior?" prosecutor Rena Paul asked the nervous victim on the witness stand Wednesday.

"I mean it was weird," the victim said. "I never asked for it but at the same time I was kind of curious."

She said the middle-aged man asked her to perform oral sex which she did although it made her gag.

Nemelc's attorneys say he just let her use the bathroom.

The former police officer is charged with second-degree rape and other charges. He faces up to seven years in prison on the top count.

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