

## Reserve police officer charged with rape, sodomy

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**ST. CHARLES, MO.** - On paper, 23-year-old Rico Frazier looked great. Police say he's a Vianney High School soccer standout who went on to McKendree University taking classes in sociology and criminal justice.

He reportedly graduated the Police Academy in St. Charles with high marks and was brought on as an unpaid volunteer for the Pine Lawn Reserves. On Wednesday, police arrested him from his south county home on charges of rape and sodomy.

The reported victim, a 22-year-old student at Lindenwood University remained friends with her ex-boyfriend and according to police, spoke to him the day of the alleged rape. She never imagined he was her attacker. According to court documents Frazier used a rock to smash in the sliding glass door of the woman's apartment about 3 a.m. on May 1. The victim was sleeping and as soon she as was startled awake police say he doused her face with police grade pepper spray.

St. Charles County Prosecutor Tim Lohmar said, "I don't know if you've ever been maced but the law enforcement grade leaves you almost blinded. On top of that, he repeatedly beat her face into the floor and held her hair in a way that she couldn't see her attacker."

Authorities charged Frazier with burglary, rape, two counts of sodomy and felonious restraint. Lohmar says the victim fought back and unknowingly ripped a necklace off of Frazier's neck. Police later matched that necklace to jewelry seen on some of his Facebook pictures. In addition, the probable cause statement says DNA evidence from the victim, the pepper spray can, the necklace and bedding all matched Frazier's DNA.

Lohmar praised both the victim for her bravery and the St. Charles Police Department for their investigation.

Frazier is being held on \$200,000 bond.