

# Rape accused allegedly threatened to kill prostitute after motel sex attack

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On the second day of the jury trial at the Nelson District Court, the prostitute, who has name suppression, said Jason Brent Ecclestone threatened her during and after the alleged rape on May 17, 2013.

The woman, who gave evidence in court on Tuesday, said Ecclestone raised his voice and said: "If you call the police, I'll kill you."

Ecclestone is charged with rape, four charges of sexual violation by unlawful sexual connection, a charge of abduction for sexual connection and a charge of threatening to kill.

The Crown states that Ecclestone arranged to meet the prostitute at Raymar Motor Inn in Blenheim late on May 17. The woman charged \$140 an hour and Ecclestone allegedly paid her \$150.

The sex was initially consensual although Ecclestone was "rough" and "vigorous", the court heard.

After an hour, the woman told Ecclestone his time was up but agreed to continue for another 10 to 15 minutes until he had finished.

The woman said she was in pain but pretended to be happy for his pleasure.

Ecclestone allegedly continued having sex with her for four hours. During this time he allegedly inflicted on her a variety of sexual acts against her will.

She asked him to stop but he told her to keep her mouth shut until he was finished, the woman said.

"He doesn't care I'm sore, not sore. He carry on, he doesn't care how I feel."

After Ecclestone was finished, he asked the woman if he could see her again and take her out to dinner, the court heard.

The woman, now aged 56, said she was in a lot of pain and struggled to walk later that morning.

However, she saw another client about 10.30pm on the night of the alleged rape.

Defence lawyer Rob Harrison said she was "obviously fit and able to continue" her work the next day.

The woman said she had to keep working because she had expenses to pay.

Harrison asked the woman why she didn't flee the motel room after the alleged rape.

"If this is the evil person or the dangerous person that you kept telling us about ... why did you not want to get out of there and go back to your husband in Auckland and be safe?"

The woman said she had booked the motel for several more days and didn't think Ecclestone would return.

She didn't tell police about the incident because she was worried it might effect her New Zealand citizenship.

The woman moved to New Zealand from Thailand 20 years ago. She is married to a New Zealand man who knows about her line of work. She lives in Auckland and travels for work.

The trial continues.

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