

Grand jury delayed as prosecutors continue to probe alleged rape by celeb real estate broker at Standard Hotel

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Manhattan prosecutors have held off — for now — on convening a grand jury against an Aspen-based real-estate honcho-to-the-stars accused of forcibly raping a woman at the Standard Hotel on Friday.

Instead, they are continuing to investigate a 31-year-old woman's claims that a boozed-up Keith Hartigan, 37, attacked her as she slept in his room.

The tall, pony-tailed Hartigan, who remains free on \$7,500 bail, runs View West Properties, a brokerage firm that handles high-end residences in Aspen and Snowmass.

The company's Facebook site features photographs of Jack Nicholson's house and a snapshot of Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon in ski gear. All three stars rented Aspen getaways through the company, a caption touts.

"The evidence will overshadow the accusations," Hartigan's lawyer, Edward Sapone, told reporters after a brief hearing, at which a judge set a May 1 date for Hartigan's return — for "possible disposition," as Sapone said in court.

"The truth will come out," the lawyer said afterward, as Hartigan stood silent at his side in a courthouse hallway. "The complainant was not raped."

The lawyer declined to say either way whether Hartigan is conceding a consensual sexual encounter.

The victim had been drinking that night with a pal of Hartigan's at the trendy 675 Bar inside the Hudson Street hotel, law enforcement sources have told The Post.

The pal brought the woman back to his and Hartigan's room on the ninth floor of the luxurious Andre Balazs hotel, where rooms run as high as \$1,700 a night, the sources said. At some point, the pal and the the woman fell asleep.

She told cops that she was suddenly awakened at 4:30 a.m. by a drunken Hartigan, who ripped off her clothes and attacked her. The woman was able to shove the 6-foot-1 and 180-pound berserk broker off of her and run out of the room, immediately alerting authorities, law enforcement sources said of her account.

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