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Frieder: Alleged victim says she was threatened with a gun and then raped

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It is the second time in five years that Frieder has had to deal with legal problems involving his players.

In 1991, four Sun Devils pleaded guilty to illegally charging more than \$13,000 in telephone calls to a university credit card issued to an assistant coach.

"I'm extremely dedicated to this program, and that's why it really hurts," Frieder said.

Tommie Prince, Rico Harris and George Gervin were arrested last Thursday on suspicion of assault and unlawful imprisonment in the alleged sexual and physical assault of a female student and another woman a day earlier.

Interim Athletic Director Christine Wilkinson said the three 18-year-olds were informed Monday by letter that they were suspended under the athletic department's code of conduct.

Prince, a 6-foot-5 guard from Compton, Calif., was arrested on

suspicion of sexual assault, aggravated assault, kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment and threatening and intimidating.

Gervin, a 6-foot-2 guard from San Antonio, was arrested on suspicion of sexual assault, kidnapping and unlawful imprisonment. He is the son of Hall of Famer George Gervin.

Harris, a 6-foot-8 forward from Los Angeles, was arrested on suspicion of assault, unlawful imprisonment and threatening and intimidating.

The three athletes were recruited for basketball but failed to qualify academically this year.

The alleged attacks occurred between midnight and 1:20 a.m. Wednesday in a dorm room.

Frieder, who was in Seattle with the team for a game at the time, suspended and sent home freshman center Okeme Oziwo, who authorities said was questioned but not arrested.

Though Oziwo's involvement in the incident is unclear, Frieder said he will be suspended

indefinitely because he put himself in a position to embarrass the university.

"This is not only about charges but my principles and standards," said Frieder. "It's real important for me to emphasize that."

Frieder said if the recruits are charged and found guilty, "they will not be a part of this team."

Lannie Standridge, campus police chief, said an investigation should be completed early next week with findings forwarded to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for determination of possible charges.

Campus authorities said the athletes could be expelled if they are charged.

Standridge said one woman told authorities she was raped and that the other was "physically mishandled" in Prince's dormitory room.

The women, also 18, told authorities the athletes threatened them with a gun, pointing it at one woman's head and threatening to shoot her.

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herself as the Ducks unofficial leader, on and off the court. On the court, she leads Oregon in field goal percentage (.536), free-throw percentage (.733), assists (93), blocked shots (66) and steals (55). Fegent appears to be well on her way to a second straight spot on the Pacific-10 All-Conference team as her assists, steals and blocked shots are tops for centers in the league.

Off the court, Fegent is not afraid to inspire the team with pep talks or to get on the squad when things aren't going well.

"She's our leader for sure," said freshman Lisa Bowyer, Fegent's fellow countrywoman. "She takes younger players aside and shows them the ropes."

Fegent's additional year of eligibility means that Oregon will not be losing a single player to

graduation next season. With the signing of 6-foot-5 prep star Jonnifer Mowe out of Powers, Ore., who was recently named a high school All-American, the Ducks will enjoy a lot of height and experience on the front line that they were not expecting.

"It will be really interesting next year," Fegent said. "With the recruits we have coming in, I think we will have a very strong team and a very deep team. It will be different in that no one will be assured a spot — everyone will be fighting for a spot. I think it will push us to another level."

If everything goes her way, Fegent will enjoy a season next year that almost no college basketball player can: one that was never supposed to happen in the first place.

Pete Schneider, a junior majoring in journalism, is a sports reporter for the Emerald.

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