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## Drugs

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Medical labs can't detect GHB if it has been in the victim's body for more than three to four hours, according to training information developed about the drugs by Los Angeles Police Department Detective Trinka Porrata.

Though it is currently difficult for a victim of sexual assault, especially those instances in which a drug is used, to prove their case against their attacker, a bill currently being discussed in the state Legislature would give victims more of a chance.

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House Bill 2353 would classify Rohypnol, GHB and other date rape drugs as more dangerous, and classify the crime of causing another person to ingest a drug involuntarily with the intent to cause harm to that person as a Class A felony.

Eugene Police Department Sgt. Scott McKee said the use of a drug

in a sexual assault can currently lead to a first-degree rape charge. Rep. Vicki Walker, D-Eugene, a supporter of the bill, said the legislation would impose further punishment on those who use a drug in any kind of assault.

“This legislation is a good step for women in Oregon,” Walker said. “Causing a woman to ingest a drug takes away her right to control her own body, and often times women don't know they've been drugged.”

The Oregon House of Representatives passed the bill, and it needs to be passed by the Senate to become law.

Maria Paladino, the advocacy coordinator for Sexual Assault Support Services, said 90 percent of University students who are victims of sexual assault believe they were given a drug.

“It is a myth that there is only one, or a few drugs that are used in rape cases,” Paladino said. “Attackers will use many drugs that produce debilitating effects, especially when used with alcohol.”

Paladino also said it is virtually impossible for these drugs, especially the more widely used drugs like Rohypnol and GHB, to be detected, and therefore this evidence cannot always be used against an attacker.

### Getting justice

Paladino said one in three girls in the United States has been sexually assaulted by the time she reaches 18 years old. According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, a woman is sexually assaulted every two minutes in the United States.

“Everyone knows someone who has been sexually assaulted, whether they are aware of it or not,” Paladino said.

McKee said the EPD has not seen any cases where the use of a drug was proven.

“There have been cases where there was a suspicion of drug use or the victim reported she was drugged, but the tests are done too late to confirm the suspicion,” McKee said.

In Tara's case, she had no proof that a drug was used, leaving the police with nothing to go on except her word.

“SASS hooked me up with a police detective who told me we would get this guy,” Tara said. “But when questioned, [the attacker] refuted everything I said. The detective told me it was my word against his.”

McKee said if a victim goes immediately to the emergency room, a detective trained in sexual assault will conduct an investigation that involves using samples collected by doctors. From there, a forensics lab will inspect the evidence and a case against an attacker can be developed from there.

However, Dr. Gary Young, the medical director of the Emergency

If you have been a victim of sexual assault or want to know how to support someone who has been a victim, call:

**Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) Hotline at 343-7277** or

**Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) at 1-800-656-HOPE**

Department at Sacred Heart Medical Center, said Sacred Heart does not test for Rohypnol or GHB.

“When a patient comes in, the issue is to test for anything that is causing immediate harm to the patient and to conduct a rape exam,” Young said. “Usually by the time we see a patient, the effects of drugs they may have been given have worn off.”

Students have the option of being tested for Rohypnol and GHB, or any other drugs, at the University Health Center, which sends a victim's urine sample to a lab.

“Obviously, we are restricted by the limited time frame to test for these drugs,” said Cindy Smith, an adult nurse practitioner for the University Health Center. “But when this information is needed in court, the tests are very exact.”

Paladino said out of the very few people who actually report a sexual assault, few ever prosecute their attacker.

McKee agreed, saying that many cases are handled out of court, and victims don't always want to prosecute their attacker.

### Moving on

In addition to living with the exhausting testing for drugs and sexually transmitted infections, victims also have to live with the intense emotional trauma that a sexual assault causes, Paladino said.

Tara spent three months keeping everything about her assault bottled up inside and blaming herself for what happened. She felt she would never enjoy sex or feel attractive again, but she has recently started dating again. But what she learned was that talking about her attack has helped her overcome it and allowed others to share their own experiences.

“It was the worst three months of my entire life,” she said. “I had to let out what was eating me inside.”

Paladino said it's important to have a strong support network, whether that be through loved ones or support services like SASS.

“It's important to know that sexual assault changes your life forever,” Paladino said. “But those emotions that tear you apart at first will go away. Though the incident itself will always be there, once you take time to heal, you can find strength in your own life.”

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