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Business graduate student sued for groping, stalking

*Plaintiff files suit for
emotional damages
caused by incidents*

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A UT undergraduate student filed a lawsuit Thursday against a business graduate student, claiming he groped her and stalked her at her house.

The plaintiff, filed under "Jane Doe," accuses the student of groping her after offering her a ride to campus Sept. 12. The defendant allegedly made lewd statements and "caused [the plaintiff] to fear a sexual assault was imminent," according to the lawsuit.

Kevin Madison, the plaintiff's attorney, said his client was wooed into the car but felt threatened after they started toward the University.

"As soon as she got in the car and they were on MoPac going 65 miles an hour, things started getting a little different than they were before, like real, pointed sexual questions," Madison said.

Madison said the plaintiff was dropped off on the Drag in front of the West Mall and immediately contacted UTPD and the Austin Police Department. She picked the defendant out of a police lineup later that day, Madison said.

The defendant returned to the plaintiff's apartment Sept. 13 knocked on her door and attempted to look in her windows, according to the lawsuit.

The suit said the plaintiff felt endangered after the defendant returned to her apartment, and she asked to break her lease with The Ridge Apartments. The plaintiff was unable to break the lease until she paid the complex \$2,000, according to the lawsuit.

The plaintiff is also alleging emotional damages.

Madison said the defendant groped another woman at The Ridge Apartments the same day he appeared at the plaintiff's door. APD is setting up charges against the defendant in both cases, he said.

"That's a sexual assault in my book," Madison said. "I don't see it