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A [University of Pennsylvania professor](#) accused of drugging and then raping a woman in his office last September has been ordered to stand trial after attempts to negotiate a plea bargain failed.

Tracy McIntosh, a **professor** of neurosurgery who directs the Head Injury Research Center at the university's School of Medicine, was **accused** of raping a 23-year-old woman. The woman, a niece of one of his friends, was about to start graduate school at Penn.

At a preliminary hearing this month, the woman testified that, after vomiting during dinner with the **professor**, she returned to his office feeling groggy. She said Mr. McIntosh gave her [marijuana](#) to smoke and then forced himself on her.

Mr. McIntosh, who is 49, did not testify at the hearing, but his lawyer, Thomas A. Bergstrom, said the **professor** planned to plead not guilty at his arraignment, which is scheduled for July 31.

"Our position is that he did not [rape](#) this girl," the lawyer said. The charges against Mr. McIntosh include **rape** and misdemeanor marijuana possession.

The hearing had been postponed several times during the spring while prosecutors and Mr. McIntosh's lawyer talked about the professor's pleading guilty to some lesser charge. Mr. Bergstrom said that they were close to reaching an agreement, but then "the DA sort of pulled the rug out from under us."

At the hearing, a Drug Enforcement Administration officer testified that an audit of the professor's medical supplies discovered that a small amount of sodium pentobarbital was missing. Another scientist testified that the drug, used to euthanize animals, has a sedative effect.

Mr. Bergstrom called the idea that Mr. McIntosh had drugged the woman "ludicrous" and said the audit was mistaken. "There is a complete accounting by Penn of every drop" of the drug, he said.

University officials said they had investigated the **rape** allegation internally but could not corroborate it. Mr. McIntosh took a leave from Penn in April.

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