

# Investigators Testing Bottles For Signs Of Date-Rape Drug

3 MEN, 1 WOMAN  
ACCUSED OF CRIME

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TAMPA — Plastic bottles labeled as breath freshener and eye drops may reveal whether a narcotic known as a date-rape drug was used in an alleged gang rape last month, court papers released Tuesday show.

Police have accused three men and a woman of drugging and raping a Sarasota woman at 2919 N. 16th St. on May 13. Detectives are investigating whether other people have been victimized.

Police executing a search warrant May 26 seized two bottles marked "breath mint" and six bottles marked "sweet breath" and Ciloxan, an antibacterial eye solution, court papers say. Each was to be tested at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for GHB, or gamma hydroxybutyric acid. The drug, which takes the form of a colorless liquid or white powder, can cause dizziness or drowsiness, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

In addition to items with cocaine residue, marijuana, Vicodin and Ecstasy, police seized two \$20 bills stained with blood, seven cameras, a black-and-white monitor and camcorders, the documents state.

Police declined to comment on the case Tuesday.

Jorge F. Martinez Jr., 38; Todd David Spicer, 29; Charles R. Hutchinson, 39; and Rachel Watson Cook, 30, all of Tampa, are each charged with felony sexual battery and kidnapping, along with drug offenses. All were in custody Tuesday at Hillsborough County jails.

In a search-warrant affidavit, the woman was quoted as

*The victim described being given gum that dissolved in her mouth.*

repeatedly being given gum that dissolved in her mouth and having liquid rubbed on her neck between being raped and sodomized.

An examination at Sarasota Memorial Hospital revealed she had amphetamines, cocaine and marijuana in her system, according to Martinez's arrest affidavit.

telling police she accompanied Spicer to the house after drinks in Ybor City. She described

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