

Case Study 1

In the first interview, the Complainant, Jessica, tells you that she and the Respondent, Max, went to her room after a party. Jessica also shares that the incident occurred in her room, and she was blackened out during much of the night. During a second interview, Jessica tells you she now thinks the incident occurred in Max's room. Jessica and Max live in the same residence hall.

Jessica's roommate, Chelsea, tells you Jessica and Max came to Jessica and Chelsea's room for about 30 minutes around 11 p.m., then left. Chelsea does not know where they went after that. Chelsea also tells you that Jessica went to another male student's room earlier in the evening. Chelsea says Jessica told her she intended to hook up with that male student that night. Chelsea says she stayed in her room all evening studying and did not drink that night. She tells you Jessica came home around 1 a.m. and "stumbled" into the room, and got into bed. She did not talk to her until late the following day.

In your interview with her, Jessica did not mention going to the other student's room earlier in the evening. In the second interview, you ask her about this. She denies she went to the other student's room and denies telling Chelsea she planned to hook up with that student.

In your interview with Max, he tells you he and Jessica left a party around 11 p.m. and went directly to his room, where they had consensual sex. He tells you Jessica was drunk, but she was talking coherently and did not have any trouble walking to the residence hall from the party.

The incident occurred in September and it is now May of the following year.

Case Study 2

The Complainant, Alex, tells you he vaguely remembers kidding the Respondent, Justin, in the yard outside a campus house where a party was occurring on the night in question. Alex says he thinks he initiated and consented to the kissing. He says he did not consent to Justin unzipping his pants and touching his penis, and remembers that when Justin did this, he pushed Justin away. He says Justin was quite intoxicated and fell to the ground at that point, but was uninjured. He says Justin swore at him, then got up and walked away. Alex says he does not remember much about the evening, including how he got to the party, but remembers this interaction because it was so upsetting to him and “sobered him up” for a few minutes. He does not remember how he got home from the party.

Justin tells you they (Justin) were drunk but “functional” at the party. They tell you they talked with Alex at the party inside the house for a few minutes, but did not meet up with Alex outside the house and denies kissing Alex or touching his penis. Justin says they left the party on their own around midnight and walked home.

After you had initial interview with each party, another student who lives in the house where the party occurred comes to see you. She tells you she heard through the campus rumor mill about the incident between Alex and Justin. She gives you Justin’s key ring, which includes his campus ID card, which she says she found in the side yard of the house the next day. You determine that she found the key ring in the general area that Alex described as the location of the incident.