

Rape Charges Against Rapper Rejected

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Rape charges against Run DMC member Joseph Simmons were dismissed yesterday after his tearful accuser told a Cleveland court that she agreed with the prosecutor that there was no evidence to support her charge. The prosecutor, George Lonjak, told the judge that he had learned charges may have been unfounded. Defense lawyer Gerald Gold told reporters that a police officer had come forward to say that the 22-year-old woman had made false rape claims in the past. The woman said the rapper raped her Aug. 9 after she visited his hotel room to get an autograph. Gold painted her as a gold digger. "I'm going right back to the studios," Simmons, 27, told reporters. "I feel happy right now." It was not immediately known if criminal charges would be brought against the woman.

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