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Schwartz released

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A UNLV honor student charged with four felony counts related to an alleged sexual assault on April 11 was released from the Clark County Detention Center on Wednesday.

Scott Schwartz, former College of Hotel Administration senator, was released after his parents posted a \$250,000 bond.

According to Sgt. Mike Thompson of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the evidence gathered correlates to the victim's account of the alleged sexual assault.

Thompson said Schwartz' pants were drenched from jumping in the shower with the victim when he allegedly attempted to sexually assault her. He added that the victim suffered "defensive knife wounds" on her hands and wrists while struggling with Schwartz and the knife he allegedly threatened her with.

Metro's close-up photos of Schwartz' penis showed deep bite marks that "coincide with what she (the victim) said happened," Thompson said.

Blood was found on the steering wheel in Schwartz' car, according to Thompson. "The blood has not been tested yet so we don't know who's it is...if it's his blood or her blood...we don't know."

Police found Schwartz' car near his apartment after the alleged incident, the engine still warm.

Schwartz, 21, was originally arrested April 11 for three

felony charges, including burglary, sexual assault with a deadly weapon and battery with intent to commit sexual assault. He was released that day after his parents posted a \$35,000 bond.

Schwartz was arrested a second time April 17 after a fourth felony charge for kidnapping in the first degree with a deadly weapon, was added.

According to Sgt. Greg McCurdy, the kidnapping charge was added because Schwartz allegedly forced the victim from the bathroom to the bedroom.

Schwartz was in class at the time of his arrest, Robert Ackerman, UNLV vice president for student services, said.

Schwartz allegedly entered the victim's apartment at 5225 E. Charleston Blvd. April 11 while she was showering, Thompson said. Schwartz was allegedly carrying a butcher knife and had the victim's underwear on his head.

Thompson said Schwartz jumped into the shower with the victim and dragged her out. The victim allegedly offered to perform oral sex on Schwartz when he attempted to rape her, but instead she bit his penis.

Neighbors called police when the victim ran screaming from the apartment. Schwartz, who lives in the same complex, allegedly ran from the victim's apartment and escaped in his car. Witnesses recorded his license plate number, which police



Scott Schwartz

used to track Schwartz.

Alfred Izzolo, Schwartz' fraternity's advisor and tourism and convention assistant professor, said he spoke with Schwartz' mother, who claims "there are extenuating circumstances surrounding this whole event."

Kurt Divich, a UNLV alumni and Schwartz' fraternity brother, agrees with the possibility. "The same set of facts which is the evidence we're all hearing could be caused by a numerous amount of scenarios, and despite how incriminating what we're hearing is, anyone who knows Scott Schwartz and can truly call him a friend has to give him the benefit of the doubt until that same evidence is incontrovertible."

UNLV students, faculty and administration remain disbelieving.

"It tied me up in knots when

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Mosca assailants get twenty years

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A UNLV student's attackers in the Oct. 7 Warehouse Entertainment robbery were each sentenced to 20 years in prison Wednesday.

District Judge Norman Robinson sentenced Andre Colon, 19, Marcus Hall, 19, and Rasool Ramoz, 18, for their participation in a "swarm" robbery of the Warehouse Entertainment store on South Decatur Boulevard.

Robinson ordered Colon to serve a minimum of eight years before eligible for parole for throwing the punch that left store clerk Lorraine Mosca, a 23-year-old senior mechanical engineering student, in a coma for two months.

"The other two (Hall and Ramoz) received equal sentences but have five-year parole considerations," Nevada District Attorney Stewart Bell said Wednesday. "They both at least apologized and said some humbling things, but Colon was arrogant and defiant

throughout the trial, right up until the end," Bell said.

Mosca was knocked to the ground, hit her head on the pavement and was kicked in the head when she attempted to block the store's entrance to prevent the group of shoplifters from leaving.

Mosca, who was initially given less than 12 hours to survive, appeared at the sentencing to read her prepared statement but was unable to continue shortly after she began. Her mother, Lucille Mosca, read Mosca's statement for her.

"It was very emotional," Bell said. Colon was convicted of battery with substantial bodily harm and robbery, while Hall and Ramoz were each convicted of conspiracy to commit burglary, burglary and two counts of robbery, on Feb. 26.

Bell said he was pleased with the sentences, calling them "somewhat gratifying." He added that no sentence could make up for the suffering Mosca has endured.

Kids of Earth Day

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Pigs, sidewalk murals, quilt squares and recycled paper graced the UNLV Academic Mall Monday as about 3,000 preschool through high school students participated in Earth Day activities, organized by businesses and UNLV volunteers.

Student volunteers hosted a paper recycling activity and showed participants how to make hats out of newspaper.

The Mirage Hotel sponsored a quilt-making activity to raise money for preserving coral reefs.

Children painted fabric squares for the quilt, which is to be auctioned.

Pigs from R.C. Farms were featured as waste-reducers. The organization collects food waste from hotels and recycles it.

The group "Keepers of the Wild" used the UNLV Alumni Amphitheatre to showcase several endangered species, including a jaguar and a binturong, a bearcat from Asia.

The Desert Research Institute, Nevada Power, Clark

County Sanitation District and Lake Mead Recreation Area sponsored information booths about their organizations.

About 30 businesses were also present, selling books, T-shirts, buttons and environmentally-friendly cosmetics.

Earth Day activities and education seem to have made an impression on the youngsters who attended the event.

"We learned about fixing up the earth by picking up trash," said Jessica Little, 7, a second-grader at Bartlett Elementary School.

"We live on the planet, and if we didn't have it, we wouldn't exist," added Chris Carter, 11, a fifth-grader at Myrtle Tate Elementary School.

Molly Wolfe, 10, a fourth-grader at Jacobson Elementary School, said the best part was "seeing the animals alive."

Several activities were cancelled with little notice, causing confusion, according to coordinator Kathy Lauckner.

However, Lauckner was pleased with the day's outcome. "Overall, the day went well," Lauckner said.



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UNLV students celebrated KUNV Day with music and food in the Alumni Amphitheatre Wednesday.