
Karl Malone, Rapist

Posted by Mars - 2008/05/10 02:46

Yes, Jazz fans, your own Karl Malone impregnated a girl when she was only thirteen years old. That's statutory rape. And yet he's a local hero to many.

<http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/page2/story?page=hill/080507>

Quote: "Roger Clemens' alleged seedy indiscretions -- including a possible sexual relationship with a 15-year-old -- are nothing compared to what Malone has done. Malone reportedly impregnated Bell's mother when she was 13 and he was a sophomore at Louisiana Tech. Malone is lucky Chris Hansen wasn't around and he didn't have to answer to the authorities."

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Re:Karl Malone, Rapist

Posted by bengel - 2008/05/10 06:18

I don't know where Malone and Bell's mother had intercourse, but the jurisdictions with which I'm familiar presume a 13 year old is incapable of consenting to intercourse. Therefore, the law classifies the act as rape.

I read the quote from Jemele Hill's story in Mars' post. Then I read the entire story. Hill said,

"What matters most is that Bell triumphed in spite of how his father behaved."

Let's focus on that, rather than on Malone's inappropriate behavior.

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Posted by Metallicat - 2008/05/10 07:28

This does look VERY bad for Karl. Good for Bell for being able to move past it.

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Posted by BigL - 2008/05/10 08:58

I've learned to admire athletes only for what they do on the field because they often fall short in their values.

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Posted by Tyler1830 - 2008/05/10 10:03

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/10 10:49

Being from the Portland area this greatly disappoints me to learn the Karl Malone actually did qualify to be a dues paying member of the Portland JailBlazers. What a lost opportunity for Portland. :S

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Ah, the joys of libel. I hope that Karl Malone, or someone who knows his lawyer, doesn't frequent this board. Regardless of his what actually happened, Mars has now written an unproven and inflammatory statement about someone very much in the public eye. Hopefully you can prove this because as far as the law is concerned it is all alleged at this point.

Good luck with that...

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From espn

"
His reputation took a hit in 1998 when it was revealed he had been involved in two paternity suits involving women from back home in Louisiana, both cases being settled out of court. Blood test analysis set the probability that Malone was the father of Demetrius Bell at 99.3 percent."

http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/classic/bio/news/story?page=Malone_Karl

And why is it coming out now? Well his "son" was just drafted by the Buffalo Bills.

<http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/wire?section=nfl&id=3371150>

<http://www.buffalonews.com/sports/columns/story/334471.html>

But my point is that this is the court of public opinion not a court of law. We don't need "all" the facts. I just need the paternity test and the age difference between the mother and the son. I don't need to know any extenuating circumstances or have a "smoking gun". If an official test is confirmed then I can make up my own mind.

Also, I don't think anyone is pressing charges so I don't think you will get "all the facts" through discovery, nor a verdict to fall back on. Just what already exists. The statute of Lim is as follows. He was lucky she wasn't any younger. Under 12 is a capital offense.

La. C.Cr.P. Art. 571

No time limitation - for any crime for which the punishment may be death or life imprisonment.

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Art. 572

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I also hold that OJ is a murderer even though he was found "not guilty" by a court of law.

As for Karl, I'm torn because it looks like he got away with stealing a 13 year old girl's virtue and seriously hampered her future all for a moment of self gratification. I have read of a lot of good things that he has done, and I am glad he has grown, but I can't just look the other way. I would need some sort of reaction from him. In other words will he "man up" and take responsibility for his actions?

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Posted by NorCalBlue - 2008/05/12 15:41

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Re:Karl Malone, Rapist

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/05/13 12:05

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They didn't call him the mailman for nothing.

Don't let your daughter go to frat party's telling everyone she's a freshman.

Having sex with anyone before marriage is an abomination. In Vermont it is legal for a 20 year old to have sex with a 10 year old as long as they are married. Vermont should be chuck full of polygamists.

I have a 14 year old niece that can pass as 18. Her parents are very concerned with her double D's and flirty nature.

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Re:Karl Malone, Rapist

Posted by rackem - 2008/05/13 13:55

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that's how I feel. Georgia Bell and her son are the victims in this. Not Karl. I would like to see him man up and take responsibility. It's not about money. It's about family and he is your son Karl. Denying it or refusing to acknowldge it doesn't change a thing. He is flesh of your flesh and blood of your blood.

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Re:Karl Malone, Rapist

Posted by jaga97 - 2008/05/13 15:15

I like Karl Malone. I'm glad my respect for him never had anything to do with his morals. There are only 1 or 2 professional sports figures that I look up to from a moral standpoint.

I love Jim McMahon, but it has nothing to do with how he lives his life off the field.

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Re:Karl Malone, Rapist

Posted by CrimsonCoug - 2008/05/13 15:25

The "blame the victim" mentality of a few of these posts is disturbing. I don't care if she sequestered herself in his bedroom and was naked and shimmying on his bed, it's clearly wrong. Why is that controversial? Do you think a 13-year-old is really capable of understanding the full implications of impregnation? Certainly not to the level that a 20-year-old should. Maybe Malone didn't know her age, but is it too much to think a fella ought to do a little background check before engaging with a sexual partner?

But it's not Malone's past indiscretions that really bother me; I'm most put off by his refusal now to have anything to do with Bell. Sorry, there doesn't seem to be much "repentance" going on there. Something more may be going on with the family relation--we do just have a piece of one side of the story, but this continued refusal to man up is weak. I wonder if he really is concerned that a rape charge could be brought against him.
Anyone able to figure out how old Cheryl and Daryl's mom was when they were conceived? I wonder if that might be where the difference is.

Still, blaming the victim, or insinuating blame for the victim, is disgusting.

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