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Keith Hartigan, 37, is cleared of first degree rape charges.

A Colorado real estate mogul was cleared Friday of first degree rape charges stemming from a boozy February night at the Standard Hotel.

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"After fully investigating this allegation and interviewing the witnesses involved, there are no provable criminal charges," prosecutor Alexandra Murphy said, adding "it's actually unclear whether a crime was committed."

The accuser also did not "wish to pursue this matter any further," the prosecutor added.

Hartigan's attorney was notified about the dismissal in a Manhattan Criminal Court Friday morning, but Hartigan, 37, was not present.

Hartigan, owner of West View Properties, was arrested on Feb. 1 after the purported 4:30 a.m. attack but he was not immediately indicted because the Manhattan DA's office was probing the case.

His attorney, Edward Sapone, said there were two surveillance videos and an eyewitness account from a friend who shared a room with Hartigan that "would have exonerated" the real estate big.

"This accusation has cost him a lot not only financially but also emotionally," Sapone said. "He is thankful that his name is now cleared and he can now return to his life."

Hartigan, his travel buddy, and the accuser met at 675 Bar in the Meatpacking District and the party went back to their room at the swanky inn.

The evidence "shows consenting adults interacting in a positive way without any wrongdoing afoot," the lawyer said, declining to discuss specifics about any encounter.

"It was crystal clear no crime whatever occurred that night," Sapone added.

Hartigan could have faced up to 25 in prison.

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