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## John Edison Rape Case Has No Legs

After meeting with the family of John Edison, Jr., last Friday afternoon, I'm even more convinced that the [rape charges](#) against the 16-year-old are completely unfounded.

On the Fourth of July, two girls -- the alleged 12-year-old victim and her 15-year-old friend -- were hanging out with John Edison, Jr., and his friend at Edison's house until about 6-7:00 a.m. on July 5. Edison told the girls they had to leave because his father would be home from work soon. The boys accompanied the girls out of the house and down the street, a scene that was actually witnessed by a neighbor, who apparently has said the four kids were laughing and getting along.

So imagine John Edison's surprise when state troopers showed up to arrest him for rape about three hours later. According to the family's account of the 911 tape, the 15-year-old girl initially claimed that Edison had raped her, but when she went to the hospital to be examined, she retracted this claim and instead insisted that Edison raped the 12-year-old.

Interestingly enough, the 15-year-old is John Edison's cousin.

I've already [mentioned](#) that the medical exam administered to the 12-year-old showed *no signs of physical or sexual assault*, and that she indeed was apparently still a virgin at the time of her examination. I'm awaiting a copy of the medical report, and I'll post it when I receive it.

Alice Gaskins, John Edison's aunt, was also denied access to her nephew's interrogation when she showed up at the police station on the morning of July 5. I need to confirm whether or not this maneuver on the part of the police was legal, but if it was, I'm sure that's simply due to the fact that they decided to charge Edison as an adult -- a convenient loophole used to deny the accused legal representation if I've ever heard of one.

So Edison remains confined in an adult jail awaiting trial on absolutely nothing more than an accusation by a 12-year-old (or 15-year-old, but who's counting?) and a near-dictatorial decree from a state's attorney who's on record saying that if a young girl accuses someone of rape, by golly, he's gonna go and find someone to charge.