Patient cries rape after dentist fails to show up at wedding

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A DENTIST who failed to show up for his civil wedding is now facing rape charges filed against him by his young “bride.”

The 20-year-old woman, of Karangalan Village, Barangay Manggahan, Pasig, told Pasig police she would not have filed rape charges against dentist Salvador Pecson if he had fulfilled his promise to marry her after she first accused him of rape on Jan. 25.

The woman filed her first complaint at Police Precinct 3 in Karangalan Village.

She said that during their confrontation at the precinct, she and...
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Pecson agreed to get married on Jan. 29, but Pecson did not show up at the wedding so her family scheduled another confrontation with him at the police station on March 12, she said.

Pecson again did not show up for the second confrontation. This prompted the woman to file rape charges against him, police said.

Pecson allegedly first abused the woman when she went to his dental clinic to have a tooth pulled out on May 4, 2000, according to SPO1 Rogelio Villanueva.

She told police that Pecson threatened to kill her if she told anybody about the rape, which scared her, and made her keep her silence.

But she said that when she was walking along Kapisanan Road in Karangalan Village on the night of Dec. 27, Pecson suddenly alighted from a van and ordered her at knifepoint to get inside the vehicle. She alleged that Pecson brought her to his clinic where she claimed she was raped for the second time.

A month after the alleged rapes, the woman said she finally told her mother. This led to their confrontation before police where Pecson was said to have agreed to marry her so she would not file rape charges against him.