

Woman 'smiled about MPs seduction'

THE woman who claims she was raped by Victorian MP Theo Theophanous smiled as she told a friend she had been seduced by an older man at parliament house, a court has heard. Mr Theophanous is facing a committal hearing, accused of raping a woman in his parliamentary chambers after a late night tour of the Victorian Parliament House in September 1998.

The former cabinet minister denies the allegation.

The friend told the Melbourne Magistrates Court they were at a Greek community function near Parliament House in early 1999 when the woman made the comment.

"She was talking to me and she mentioned that a married man had attempted to seduce her," the male friend said in a statement tendered to the court.

"I asked who and she said: 'I can't tell you'. She mentioned Parliament House and he made a move on her in his office."

The friend said the alleged victim didn't give details of what exactly happened, only to say she went into the man's office, he made a move and she declined. "I remember that she was smiling and she appeared quite happy talking about it," he said.

"The impression I got was that if something did happen, it didn't involve sex."

He told the court his friend didn't appear upset or angry.

"She was quite pleased about it. It was total fun," he said.

The man said he doesn't remember ever discussing the matter again with his friend

He denied they were a couple but said they spent a lot of time together in the late 1990s.

The man described his friend as "fascinating" and "peculiar".

He said their friendship deteriorated in May 1999 after she began calling him several times a day.

"I would use the word 'disturbing' number of calls," he said. "I just wanted to get her out of my life."

During cross examination, Mr Theophanous' lawyer Robert Richter QC told the man his former friend had told police she caught him masturbating while viewing child pornography involving an eight-year-old. The man appeared completely shocked by the allegation.

"I am in disbelief," he told the court. "It terrifies me, to be honest ... especially in this context."

The hearing before magistrate Peter Reardon continues...

Two Greek Australians arrested for bashing at Hungry Jack's

Two Greek Australians are amongst three people arrested and charged for the horrific bashing of two men in a Hungry Jack's store in Prahran.

Konstantinos Kontoklotsis, 32, of Brunswick, Nathan Karazisis, 24, of Burwood East and Mark Bogtstra, 21, of Camberwell are accused of attacking and causing serious injuries to Luke Adams, 19, and James Mitchell inside a Hungry Jack's restaurant on the corner of Chapel Street and Malvern Road in Prahran early on Monday morning. All three men appeared in Melbourne's Magistrate Court on Thursday charged with affray, recklessly causing serious injury, intentionally causing injury, and unlawful

assault. The attack was captured on security cameras and caused a public outcry.

One of the vicitms, Mr Adams is a promising Australian Rules footballer. Defence for Mr Kontoklotsis asked the judge to supress the release of their names to the media in fear of retaliation against his family.

The judge refused the motion on the grounds that a threat against his family had not been established. All three suspects were remanded to custody until October 8 when a committal hearing will take place.

Luke Adams was discharged from hospital where he was treated for serious head wounds.

Jackie two-timed Bobby and Greek tycoon

London: After her husband US President John F
Kennedy's assassination,
Jacqueline was two-timing his brother Bobby and Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis as she believed that only the latter could give her the comforts and protection she wanted, a new book has

revealed.

ccording to the 'Bobby and Jackie', for three years, JFK's widow had conducted a parallel affair with Onassis, one of the few men whom she believed could bankroll her lifestyle and protect her children -- a relation-

ship which her brother- in-law was very much aware of.

Ken O'Donnell, one of JFK's closest aides, said that Bobby was however concerned that if Jackie's affair with Onassis became public, it'd hin-

der his presidential ambitions.

"They couldn't marry, so eventually she would marry somebody else. He (Bobby) also understood that she was super- high maintenance. She could marry virtually anyone, but there weren't many men around who could afford to take her on," the 'Daily Mail' quoted O'Donnell as saying in the book.

In fact, though the Greek tycoon was pressing Jackie to marry him, she had assured Bobby there would be no formal engagement until after the November 1968 election -- she was a crucial part of his campaign as a symbol of Kennedy dynasty, the author C David Heymann wrote.



However, eventually, that agreement was overtaken by another sickening chapter in America's political history when Bobby was assassinated on June 5, 1968.

"I hate this country. I despise America and I don't want my children to live here any more. If they're killing Kennedys, my kids are number one targets. I want to get out,"

Jackie told former White House Press secretary Pierre Salinger after Bobby's funeral.

Jackie's intention could not have been more blatant had she placed a marriage announcement on the front page of 'The New York Times'. In a sense, her decision to marry the Greek tycoon had been made at Bobby's grave.

After much haggling over a prenuptial agreement, Jacqueline and Onassis married in October 1968 on Skorpios, the shipping tycoon's private Greek island. Jackie's rather inappropriate wedding present to him was a watch that once belonged to IEK

Bureau Report

Katsidis "The Great" honoured in Greece

Michael Katsidis "the great" was formally invited to attend Greece's annual party recently in the lead up to the announcement of his next fight. In an action packed couple of months Katsidis has flown to the Philippines to challenge current super champion Manny Pacquiao, resigned with his long time trainer/manager Brendon Smith, and topped it all off by travelling to Larissa, the home land of his father to be honoured.

Katsidis who is extremely proud of his half Greek half Australian heritage said recently in an interview with fight news's Craig Watt "My father's village is by Mt. Olympus and historians believe it to be the homeland of the gods. This is a first time opportunity to travel to Greece and I believe the experience will give me strength once more."

Katsidis is currently the mandatory WBO # 1 ranked fighter at 135 pounds, and is awaiting some big opportunities in the later part of 2009 with possible names including Hatton, Pacquiao and Marquez. Katsidis is coming off an impressive stoppage win over Mexican Jesus Chavez in April and is keen, like ancient Greek god Achilles, to continue to invade and conquer.