

Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs Shown Hitting Cassie Ventura In 2016 Video

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Topline

Sean “Diddy” Combs appears to be physically assaulting his former partner, Cassie Ventura, in a 2016 surveillance video published by [CNN](#) on Friday, marking the latest controversy regarding the rapper, who has denied [multiple allegations](#) of rape, sexual abuse and sex trafficking within the last year.



The surveillance video dates back to March 2016. (Photo by Shareif Ziyadat/Getty Images for Sean ... [+] Getty Images for Sean "Diddy" Combs)

Key Facts

The surveillance video footage appears to show Combs grab, drag and kick Ventura during an altercation at the now-closed InterContinental Hotel in Century City, Los Angeles, CNN reported.

The video matches some allegations made in a [lawsuit](#), filed by Ventura and settled by Combs last year, which accused Combs of being extremely intoxicated and punching Ventura in the face before she left the hotel room.

The suit claimed Ventura then attempted to take an elevator to the lobby, but was stopped by Combs, who grabbed her and threw glass vases in the hallway at her (the suit did not mention the dragging and kicking of Ventura by Combs the video appears to show).

Ventura's lawsuit also alleged Combs paid the InterContinental Century City \$50,000 for the surveillance footage.

Douglas H. Wigdor, a lawyer for Cassie Ventura, told Forbes the video "only further confirmed the disturbing and predatory behavior of Mr. Combs."

An attorney for Combs did not immediately respond to Forbes' request for comment, though the attorney denied the allegations against Combs when the lawsuit was filed and told [CNN](#) the suit's settlement—which occurred a few days after its filing—was “in no way an admission of wrongdoing.”

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Combs' attorneys have characterized the lawsuits against him as “baseless” and “sickening.”

Key Background

Ventura's lawsuit made several other accusations against Combs, alleging he raped her in her own home after she tried to leave him, often physically assaulted her and blew up a man's car after learning the man was romantically interested in Ventura. The lawsuit was settled for an undisclosed amount. It is one of [multiple lawsuits](#) filed against Combs since last November. The other suits accuse him of unwanted advances, sex-trafficking parties, gang rape and more—all of which Combs has denied.

Surprising Fact

Two of the rapper's houses were [searched by federal agents](#) in March as part of a sex trafficking investigation. Combs has not been criminally charged.

Further Reading

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