## Video of Sean 'Diddy' Combs beating then-girlfriend Cassie Ventura in hotel hallway in 2016 released

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Sean "Diddy" Combs was seen shoving, kicking and dragging his then-girlfriend Cassie Ventura in <u>harrowing 2016 surveillance</u> released Friday.

The video, <u>obtained by CNN</u> and dated March 5, 2016, shows the rapper and producer running after the singer down a hallway at the InterContinental Hotel in Century City, Los Angeles.



<u>8</u> Sean "Diddy" Combs attacking then-girlfriend Cassie Ventura. CNN



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The assault occurred in the hallway of the InterContinental Hotel in Los Angeles. CNN

Combs — who has a towel wrapped around his waist — then grabs her by the back of the neck and throws her to the floor.

While holding his towel closed with one hand, he proceeds to kick her, the video shows.

He grabs a purse and suitcase from the floor near an elevator bank before turning around and kicking Ventura again while she lies still on the carpet.

Combs briefly drags his then-girlfriend by her sweatshirt before walking away.

Ventura slowly stands up and appears to pick up a house phone on the hallway wall before Combs, still in his towel, returns and shoves her.

A few seconds later, he sits in a chair, grabs an object from a table and throws it at Ventura, according to the footage.



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Ventura claimed "Diddy" paid the hotel \$50K for surveillance footage from another incident. CNN



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"Diddy's" homes were raided as part of a sex-trafficking investigation. Misa Hylton/Instagram



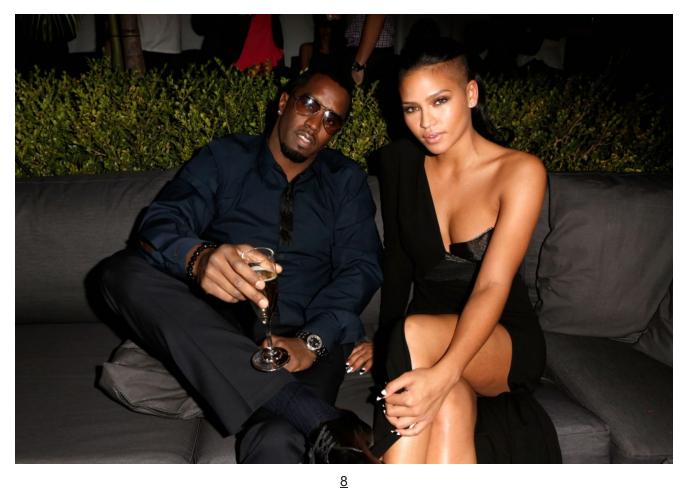
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Ventura sued Combs in 2023, alleging he was physically abusive. WireImage

He walks away, only to turn toward Ventura yet again — just in time for someone to exit the elevator.

"The gut-wrenching video has only further confirmed the disturbing and predatory behavior of Mr. Combs," Douglas H. Wigdor, a lawyer for Ventura, said in response to the video — which appeared to match the allegations in the latter's now-settled lawsuit against Combs.

"Words cannot express the courage and fortitude that Ms. Ventura has shown in coming forward to bring this to light," Wigdor added.



Ventura and Combs dated off and on between 2007 and 2018. Jeff Vespa



 $\frac{8}{5}$  Footage from the raid at Diddy's homes. Misa Hylton/Instagram

Ventura — who was off and on with Combs between 2007 and 2018 — sued the Bad Boy Records founder in November 2023, alleging that he subjected her to years of physical violence and sexual abuse.

In the filing, Ventura alleged that Combs paid the InterContinental \$50,000 for the security footage from a physical altercation in March 2016, CNN noted.

During that incident, Ventura's complaint claimed, Combs became "extremely intoxicated and punched Ms. Ventura in the face, giving her a black eye."



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Surveillance footage from inside Diddy's mansion during the raid by Homeland Security as part of a sextrafficking investigation. Misa Hylton/Instagram

When Combs fell asleep, Ventura tried to leave the hotel room — but he woke up and allegedly "followed her into the hallway of the hotel while yelling at her."

"He grabbed at her, and then took glass vases in the hallway and threw them at her, causing glass to crash around them as she ran to the elevator to escape," the lawsuit read.

Ventura was finally able to get away — but feared Combs' wrath, the complaint continued.

"Upon realizing that her running away would cause Mr. Combs to be even angrier with her, and completely stuck in his vicious cycle of abuse, Ms. Ventura returned to the hotel with the intention of apologizing for running away from her abuser," it stated. "When she returned, hotel security staff urged her to get back into a cab and go to her apartment, suggesting that they had seen the security footage showing Mr. Combs beating Ms. Ventura and throwing glass at her in the hotel hallway."

The lawsuit also claimed that Combs used his wealth and influence to control Ventura, whom he met when she was 19 and he was 37.

## Here's what we know about the allegations against Sean "Diddy" Combs

- Sean "Diddy" Combs' homes in Los Angeles and Miami were raided by Homeland Security amid a possible connection with an ongoing <u>sex-trafficking investigation</u>.
- <u>Authorities targeted the rapper's homes</u> to seize phones and computers, sources told The Post.
- At least four Jane Does and one John Doe have been interviewed by New York prosecutors in connection to sex-trafficking allegations and a RICO case, <u>sources told</u> <u>Rolling Stone.</u>
- Combs' ex-girlfriend Cassie (Cassandra Ventura) filed a lawsuit against him in November 2023 on several allegations, including <u>rape and physical abuse for over a</u> <u>decade</u>.
- Combs and Cassie settled the lawsuit one day after she filed it.
- In November 2023, the rapper was accused of <u>drugging</u>, <u>filming and sexually</u> <u>assaulting a woman</u> on a date in 1991.
- The lawsuit describes how Combs drove the alleged victim to a music studio "where she could not get out of the car" before taking her "to a place he was staying to sexually assault her."
- A third woman filed a lawsuit against the celebrity in November 2023, <u>claiming that he</u> <u>and singer-songwriter Aaron Hall</u> took turns sexually assaulting her and a friend in the early 1990s.
- In December 2023, Combs was hit with a fourth sexual assault lawsuit that accused him and others of <u>sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl at his NYC recording studio</u> after drugging her and supplying her with alcohol.

Ventura was signed with Combs' label, and their business connections lasted through 2019.

The suit was resolved the day after filing with an undisclosed settlement. At the time, Combs' attorney insisted that his client was innocent of "these offensive and outrageous allegations."

Since November, however, Combs has been hit with five other lawsuits accusing him of rape, sexual misconduct and other crimes.

In April, authorities raided his California and Florida mansions as part of an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security team that deals with human trafficking.

The mother of one of Combs' sons — 30-year-old Justin — <u>shared dramatic footage of the</u> <u>raids and slammed the authorities for using "militarized force"</u> when they dragged Justin and one of his brothers from the Holmby Hills property.

On Monday, Combs took to social media to share a message that read "time tells truth."

The music mogul captioned the post, "LOVE ."