EXCLUSIVE: Suspected Cedarburg Serial Rapist Changes "Name," But Still Posts, On Dating Site Following Mark's Disclosure Of His Identity By Mark Belling, WISN-AM

Following my report last week that he is posting on a popular local dating and hookup site, accused Cedarburg felon Jacob Banas has changed his name on the site. Banas had been posting as "JB" on the dating app called "Bumble" until I reported on it last week. He has since updated his profile with the handle "Bear."

Banas is scheduled for trial early next year on allegations that he drugged a number of women at the restaurant he operated in downtown Cedarburg, the now closed August Weber Haus. Ozaukee County District Attorney Adam Gerol, in court last week, stated that Banas may have sexually assaulted as many as 20 women after they passed out from the effects of drugs he administered. Banas is free while his case was pending and the judge who did intake placed no restrictions on him so he is legally free to post on the dating sites.

A number of women have publicly alleged that Banas raped them between 2008 and 2014 after drugging them. Banas countered by suing a number of the women for defamation. While authorities allege he raped the women who were allegedly drugged, Banas is only charged with administering the drugs. Proving sexual assaults of women who have passed out is extremely difficult.

Bumble is a dating app that allows women users to decide if they would like to meet the men who post their profiles. It is unknown if Banas is posting on any other dating apps. Banas was convicted over a decade ago of extorting a woman he claimed to have made a sex tape with.

While Banas is apparently legally allowed to post on dating and hook-up sites, there is no way of knowing whether any women who agree to meet him are aware that authorities believed he has committed as many as 20 sexual assaults.

Below is a screen shot of Banas' latest posts.

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