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## A Student Is Expelled After Multiple Sexual-Assault Accusations. Could the University Have Stopped Him Sooner?

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VIEW COMMENT



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Joseph Chase Hardin, 22, appears in court last Wednesday.

The optics of the situation don't look good: A Marshall University student was found responsible for sexual assault in 2016, cleared on appeal, and allowed back on campus in 2017. He then allegedly committed two more sexual assaults in 2018.

But Joseph Chase Hardin's case also highlights the difficult decisions college administrators must make about students accused of sexual misconduct, how tricky campus Title IX cases can be, and how due-

process concerns, the criminal-justice system, and federal policy don't always align.