

## Voice of the People for May 15, 2011

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### **Don't frame the victim**

*Manhattan:* Your April 21 story "Evidence backs up cop-rape claim - experts" describes the young woman as "the accuser." What happened to the terms "victim" or "alleged victim"? Framing rape victims as "accusers" insinuates that they're not being truthful. In a climate where coming forward publicly as a rape victim is extremely difficult, it's critical that we get the language right.

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