

FBI reopens probe into U.S. Supreme Court nominee



Washington, October 1 (RHC)-- The FBI is continuing its reopened investigation into Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. The focus of the probe is on allegations made by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford that Kavanaugh attempted to rape her in 1982.

The FBI has also reportedly reached out to Deborah Ramirez, a former classmate of Kavanaugh's at Yale who says he thrust his genitals into her face during a party. The FBI probe was launched after Republican Senator Jeff Flake of Arizona announced he would not support Kavanaugh's confirmation without a new investigation into the allegations.

Senator Flake's remarks last week shocked his Republican colleagues, who were hoping to quickly push ahead with a full confirmation vote for Kavanaugh. Flake's move to stall the vote came just hours after he was confronted in a Senate elevator by two survivors of sexual assault.

In related news, the White House is now facing criticism for placing limits on the FBI probe. According to NBC News, the FBI witness list does not include Julie Swetnick, who says she observed Kavanaugh at high school parties in the 1980s joining efforts to inebriate girls so they could be gang-raped. The New Yorker magazine reports the FBI has failed to follow up with several individuals who want to speak to the FBI.

A friend of Kavanaugh's from Yale has accused him of lying about his drinking habits in college. Charles Ludington said: "When Brett got drunk, he was often belligerent and aggressive. On one of the last occasions I purposely socialized with Brett, I witnessed him respond to a semi-hostile remark, not by defusing the situation, but by throwing his beer in the man's face and starting a fight that ended with one of our mutual friends in jail."

Several other of Kavanaugh's classmates have made similar remarks about Kavanaugh's drinking. Last week another one of Kavanaugh's classmates at Yale, Louisa Garry, withdrew her support for Kavanaugh. She had been featured in an ad by the Judicial Crisis Network.

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