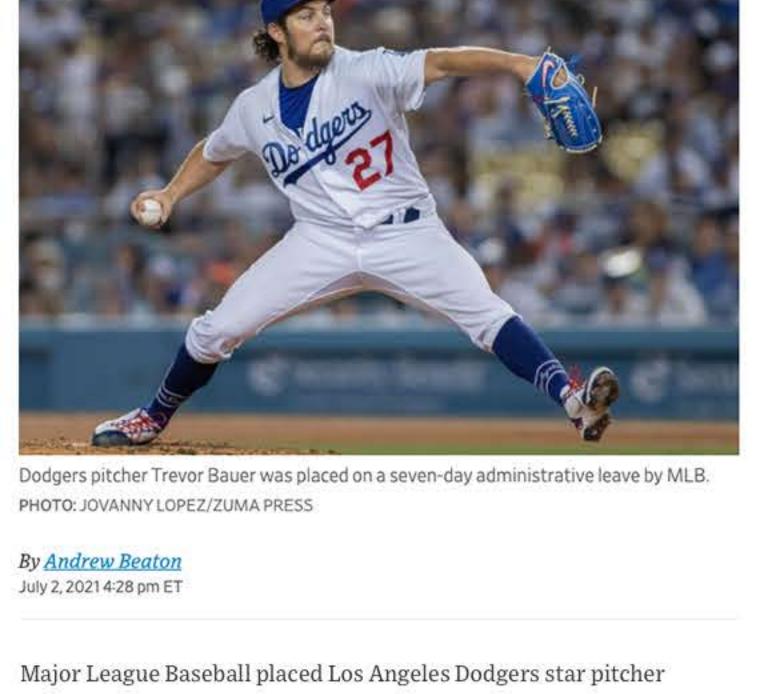
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## **MLB Puts Trevor Bauer on Paid Leave** After Sexual Assault Allegations The star pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers is being investigated after a woman obtained a temporary restraining order following alleged

sexual assaults



investigation of allegations that he sexually assaulted a woman who has since obtained a temporary restraining order against him.

MLB's action came days after a court filing by the woman that detailed

two encounters earlier this year in which she says Bauer punched her,

Trevor Bauer on a seven-day administrative leave pending an

while she was unconscious. The documents included photos that show the 27-year-old woman with a swollen and bloodied face, along with medical notes from doctor visits that described her as having "significant head and facial trauma."

investigation of the matter, concurrent with a criminal probe by the

Pasadena Police Department. Players placed on administrative leave

In a statement earlier this week, Bauer's agent Jon Fetterolf said the

MLB said it is continuing to collect information in its own

continue to get paid.

choked her until she became unconscious and had anal sex with her

consensually and that she agreed it was OK to be "a little rough." She

says she told him to stop when he put his fingers down her throat, and

he complied. But then, she alleges, Bauer wrapped her hair around her

consciousness, and woke up to find Bauer having unconsented anal

Over the ensuing weeks, the woman said in the declaration that the

two continued to communicate over Instagram and text message,

neck and choked her without asking her, causing her to lose

sex with her.

and genitals.

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including in a sexual nature. Screenshots of text messages between the two meetings, provided by Bauer's representatives and reviewed by The Wall Street Journal, show the two discussing slapping and erotic asphyxiation, with the woman indicating she was aroused by that behavior. The woman met Bauer again on May 15, her declaration says, and she

was again choked to unconsciousness and later punched in the face

"I agreed to have consensual sex," her declaration says. "However I

did not agree or consent to what happened next. I did not agree to be

sexually assaulted." After telling a friend about the incidents, she says, she went to an emergency room and told a doctor and psychiatrist what happened. She gave a statement to San Diego Police Department detectives. She

later gave an additional statement to Pasadena police detectives—

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who say their investigation is ongoing—and called Bauer in the

presence of police, who recorded the call without telling Bauer.

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relationship was consensual. "We have messages that show [the woman] repeatedly asking for 'rough' sexual encounters involving requests to be 'choked out' and slapped in the face," the statement said. He added that the woman left without incident after both of their encounters and that "she went on to dictate what she wanted from him sexually and he did what was asked." In a subsequent statement Friday, Bauer's agents Fetterolf and Rachel Luba said they continue to refute the woman's allegations but Bauer will not appeal MLB's decision "in an effort to minimize any distraction to the Dodgers organization and to his teammates." Bryan Freedman, an attorney representing the woman, said in a statement this week that "any suggestion that she was not the victim of assault is not only false and defamatory but, in fact, perpetuates the abuse." "Without going into detail for the benefit of both my client and Mr. Bauer, the pictures evidencing the unconsented abuse do not lie," Freedman said in the statement. "Our client truly wants Mr. Bauer to engage in a medically appropriate therapeutic process where he can receive the treatment he needs to never act this way again." Bauer, 30 years old, won the National League Cy Young award in 2020. The following off-season, he signed a two-year contract making him the <u>highest-paid player</u> in the sport. In a declaration filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, the San Diego woman says she met Bauer through social media after attending a Padres-Dodgers game on April 18. She visited him at his Pasadena home on April 21. The woman alleges that they had a sexual encounter that began

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