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AT A GLANCE

Indian Woman Sues Uber in U.S.

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The woman who accused a driver booked with Uber Technologies app of rape in India is suing the ride-finding service in the U.S., according to the lawyer representing her.

Douglas Wigdor, a high-profile New York-based attorney, said he had filed a complaint against the firm in a Californian court on behalf of the woman. She has not been named in line with India's law that protects alleged victims of rape.

The trial of the driver charged with rape and kidnap of the woman is underway in Delhi but in a separate case, the alleged victim is pursuing Uber in the U.S. for damages because of the "significant physical and emotional harm" it has caused her, Mr. Wigdor said in a statement early Thursday.

"Uber's focus on the bottom line over the safety of its passengers has resulted in what can only be described as modern day electronic hitchhiking," he added in the statement.

His firm is also seeking a court order mandating that Uber "initiate certain safety precautions that they appear unwilling to do voluntarily."

In a statement Friday, Uber said that the company's "deepest sympathies remain with the victim of this horrific crime."

"We are cooperating fully with the authorities to ensure the perpetrator is brought to justice," the statement said further.

Here's the [woman's complaint filed in a district court in northern California](#), at a glance.

Electronic Hitchhiking

Uber has used relentless marketing efforts to urge the public "to defy common sense and undermine every parent's edict 'don't get in a car with a stranger'," the complaint says.

It goes on to liken Uber's app to high-tech hitchhiking. "We all know how those horror movies end," the complaint says.

"This lawsuit seeks to slam the brakes on Uber's reckless worldwide expansion at the unfortunate expense of basic customer safety," the complaint filed Thursday said.

Specific to India

“Specific to India it is clear that Uber has failed to establish any protocols for customer safety, as evidenced by its failure to verify the credentials of its driver applications (in contrast to the behavior of other major private taxi companies operating in Delhi, including Ola Cabs, Mega Cabs and Meru Cabs,)” the complaint said.

What the Woman Wants

The complaint states that the woman who alleged rape wants Uber to “overhaul its woefully inadequate safety measures, so that no woman has to ever endure what she has had to unfortunately experience.”

The alleged victim’s complaint also sets out changes that she thinks Uber should make to its vehicles, including CCTV in each car and an in-app emergency button that would send messages to Uber, local police and a designated safety contact to report possible abduction, assault or aggressive driving, among other things. The complaint also seeks an award of damages to compensate the woman “for all physical, monetary and/or economic harm; for harm to her professional and personal reputations and loss of career fulfilment.”