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**Introduction**

The case of Martin Evans represents whether the rape or seduction of Lucy Peterson did happen in reality (People v. Evans, 1975). It describes different events involving different emotions and offsets. Each idea represents different reasoning to whether something like this could have either happened willingly or forcibly. The discussion of this paper would represent different facts and circumstance the judge found in the case which made the accused guilty, and the facts that may not agree if this was a rape or seduction case.

**Discussion**

**Identification**

During the case, the judge found many facts and circumstances which lead towards Evans guilt and one of those evident facts was the saying *“I could kill you. I could rape you. I could hurt you physically.”* He made this statement before he tried an attempt to make sexual intercourse with Miss Peterson. Another evidence shows that the defendant invited Miss Peterson to accompany him to his automobile from where the defendant and a girl named Bridget took Miss Peterson to a place. He then conducted a sociological experiment to "observe her reactions" otherwise (Denzin, 2017). All of these facts represented in the case somehow points towards Evan's guilty of attempted rape and seduction of Miss Peterson. However, other evidence indicates that Beth Peterson was confused and she was not forcefully raped but instead gave herself willingly (Dinos et al. 2015). There were no scratches, bruises, torn clothes, or other such artifacts found. Which undoubtedly means that she was not raped or seduced.

**Conclusion**

Just before Miss Peterson was about to leave the apartment the next morning, she said that the defendant acknowledged to her that the intercourse between them happened against her will and he was aware. Which subsequently means that this was indeed rape and the aforementioned analysis of the case provides the facts and figures.

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