



In 2016, Brock Turner was sentenced to only six months in jail for raping a woman.

# BROCK TURNER

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Ruxandra Duță: OK yeah, so uh he was a college student in uh America (Mm hm) and he was on the uh **professional** swimming team of the college (Mm hm) and at a party, or he was **going at** a party, I don't exactly remember (Mm hhm) the case but he was at a party, and a girl got very very drunk (Mm hm) and he told her that he was going to take her home, but he did not take her home. He took her behind some uh dumpsters and raped her. (Mm hm) And two other boys were passing by and saw this scene and stopped him, and when it came to- and he was arrested afterwards, (Mm hm) and then when it came to the trial and he had to be judged (Mm hm) uh the attorney, the defense lawyer (Mm hm) said something like, oh he's on the professional swimming team. Please don't send him to jail it's going to ruin his career. (What?) OK, it's going to ruin his career, but that girl, that woman will be scarred for life (Yes) for being raped. So what about it? So is his life more important than her life? Is his career more important than the fact that she will be scarred for life because of this rape. So this case was very very famous in the west. I'm not sure if it- if you heard about it in China.

Leo: No, no. Not until now.

Ruxy: Oh I see, (Yes) I see. It was- it was very very big. I think a year or two years ago something like that. (Mm hhm) It was a very big case. And I think, now he's in jail

but he wants to- oh and he only got in jail for **two years**. So he raped a woman and he only- he was only sentenced for something like two years and a half. (Really) Yeah which is absolutely shocking because there were witnesses, (Mm hm) and even if there were no witnesses, we should probably believe this girl (Mm hm) because the amount of cases of girls- of women saying that they were falsely raped (Mm hm) against cases of women that were actually raped, (Mm hm) I think it's one to a million. (Mm hm) So yeah, I think it's very important to follow this kind- these kinds of news (Mm hm) because sadly, it could happened to anyone.

Leo: Mm hm. Actually I got this friend (Mm) and uh, she was like 18. (Mm) And uh, she's- she's a- a half. Her mother was Japanese (Mm) and uh her father is Chinese (Yeah) and- but he now, actually now is a Canadian (Ah I see) and uh she lives in Canada for so many years (Mm) and when she was like seven she got raped, like literally (Wow) on the street. (Wow) And uh, since that, and she- she didn't tell this thing to police or her parents (Wow) because she was so scared (Yeah) and she don't know what to- she was only seven.

Ruxy: She- yeah, she was a child.

Leo: Yeah. She don't know about legal (Yeah) or or, rights or something. (Yeah) And (Wow) this thing got her so many years

until now. And she got this (Yeah) little bit mental problem (Yeah) every time she **think** about this thing.

Ruxy: Yeah, of course. (Yeah) It's something that scars you for life. (Mm hmm) It's traumatic. (Yes) Did- but did she tell her parents now? Or...

Leo: I don't think so. (Wow) Not until now.

Ruxy: I think it's very important to talk about (Mm hm) these bad experiences that we have because (Sure) only through sharing (Yes) and talking about it we can begin the healing process. (Yes)

Because if you keep it inside it will never go away. (Yes) Well it will never go anyway but you can learn to accept it and move on. (Mm hm true) That- that's what I think.

Leo: That's true.

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663	3:41	180.00

Pointers:

Note how both Ruxy and Leo are excellent at active listening tactics by quickly saying things like, "Mm hmm, Yeah, OK, Wow" while listening to the other person. Try to do this in your own English.

**professional:** college teams have amateur athletes, not professional (0:06)

**going at:** Ruxy should have said, "going **to**" (0:10)

**two years:** Turner served only three months of a six-month sentence (1:30)

**think:** Leo should have said, "**thinks**" (3:06)

Discussion:

Had you ever heard of Brock Turner before?

If you were the judge what kind of a sentence would you have given Brock Turner?

Do you agree with Ruxy that false accusations of rape are very rare?

VOA ARTICLE: "STANFORD SWIMMER'S 6-MONTH SENTENCE DRAWS CRITICISM"

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