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A teenage boy has been accused of raping a deaf woman after propositioning her with written notes.

Daryl Davies, 18, is accused of writing notes to the 43-year-old woman, who it is claimed he then raped when she made it clear she was not interested.

Davies, of Windsor Road, Barry, denies rape. **TEEN BOY 'RAPED A DEAF WOMAN':** A teenage boy raped a deaf woman after they communicated through written notes, a court has heard.

Daryl Davies, 18, met the woman, 43, during a night out and returned to a friend's flat where they carried on drinking.

Davies allegedly began propositioning her by writing on scraps of paper - but the woman said she was not interested because he was too young.

The jury at Cardiff Crown Court was yesterday shown copies of the notes passed between the pair on the night.

Prosecutor Martyn Kelly said: 'They were writing each other notes on bits of envelope and she made it perfectly clear she didn't want sex. She was sitting on a sofa when Davies tried to force her to perform a sex act on him.

'She became scared about staying in the room and went to a bedroom to go to sleep. He followed her in and pushed her onto the bed. He held her arms above her head and raped her.

'Afterwards, he said he was sorry and told her he loved her and asked if she loved him too. She said 'No!'

The court heard Davies, who was 17 at the time of the attack last October, proposed to the woman as he cuddled her in bed. Davies fell asleep and the woman left the room to raise the alarm.

Davies, of Windsor Road, Barry, denies rape, claiming the woman consented to sex.

The trial was due to continue today when the woman is due to give evidence through a sign language interpreter.

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