

Trump: A Delay Might Be in Order for Kavanaugh Vote

President Donald Trump is suggesting a delay may be needed in the Supreme Court confirmation hearings of Judge Brett Kavanaugh after a woman went public saying the judge sexually assaulted her when they were in high school.

"If it takes a little delay it'll take a little delay," Trump told reporters Monday. "I'm sure it will work out very well. We want to go through a full process ... and hear everybody out," he said.

Accuser Christine Blasey Ford came forward publicly Sunday, claiming the 53-year-old judge attacked her when they were teenagers at a high school party in the early 1980s.

"He was trying to attack me and remove my clothing," said Ford, a 51-year-old research psychologist in Northern California. "I thought he might inadvertently kill me."

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Asking for anonymity, Ford first shared her story with Sen. Dianne Feinstein in a letter dated July 30. The California Democrat later turned it over to the FBI, but she only revealed its existence to the public after Kavanaugh's confirmation hearings were over.

Ford told *The Washington Post* the attack was not successful. But the paper reports that in early August, Ford took a polygraph test administered by a former FBI agent, and the results indicated that Ford was being truthful about the incident. Ford says she never revealed what had happened until 2012, when she and her husband were in couples' therapy.

The revelation of the identity of Kavanaugh's accuser comes days after 65 former classmates of Kavanaugh, all women, came forward in his defense.

"Through the more than 35 years we have known him, Brett has stood out for his friendship, character and integrity," the women wrote in a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee. "In particular, he has always treated women with decency and respect. That was true when he was in high school, and it has remained true to this day."

Ford, however, isn't backing down, saying she's willing to tell her story to the Judiciary panel.

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