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Beverly Johnson's Former Manager Refutes Cosby Allegations

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Actor Bill Cosby attends the American Comedy Awards in New York April 26, 2014. | Reuters/Eric Thayer

Beverly Johnson was not being honest about being drugged by comedian Bill Cosby, according to her former manager.

Cosby, the 77-year-old comedian who became popular on the 1980s and 1990s family sitcom "The Cosby Show," has recently been the subject of media scrutiny due to the rising number of allegations brought against him. Lately, a number of women have come forth, alleging that Cosby sexually assaulted them years ago.

After Johnson, the first black model to grace the cover of American Vogue, told her story about how Cosby allegedly attempted to drug her in the mid 1980s, her former manager Don Gobble is speaking out against the claims.

Gibble managed Johnson in the early 1990s and said he has known her for more than 20 years. The veteran talent manager said Johnson, 62, has spoken to him about the comedian in the past but her story was much different than the one she is now telling the world.

"She said she had brunch with him and his wife, and it was a great experience. And then on 'The View,' it flip-flopped," Gibble told The Daily Caller of Johnson's claims after she spoke about the allegations on the popular ABC talk show. "It was odd to me that she changed her story."

In a personal essay written for Vanity Fair, the 62-year-old began her account by admitting that she once thought of Cosby as elegant after being in awe of him since the 1960s. Johnson said she met Cosby when she auditioned for a small role on his popular sitcom "The Cosby Show."

However, Gibble insists Johnson only told him that she had one meeting with Cosby in which his wife attended.

"It was brunch. It was just one time," Gibble told The Daily Caller. "It was a typical nice pleasant experience. It can be easily proven that Camille Cosby was at that brunch, so it was kind of dumb for her to lie."

The veteran Hollywood talent manager also said that Johnson even expressed that she would like to work with Cosby.

"Basically, she only had a good experience with him, so if he had been producing something at that time, I could have easily called that office and gotten her an appointment," he explained.

Johnson recently admitted that her life changed since coming out with the Cosby story, and recently told The Hollywood Reporter about some of the responses she received after doing so.

"I knew what to expect by coming here, and I was good with it—until I got here. My whole life changed in the last month," Johnson told The Hollywood Reporter. "There has been an outpouring of women telling me their sexual abuse stories. I knew it was an important thing to do."

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