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Bill Clinton rape accuser: Hillary 'tried to silence' me

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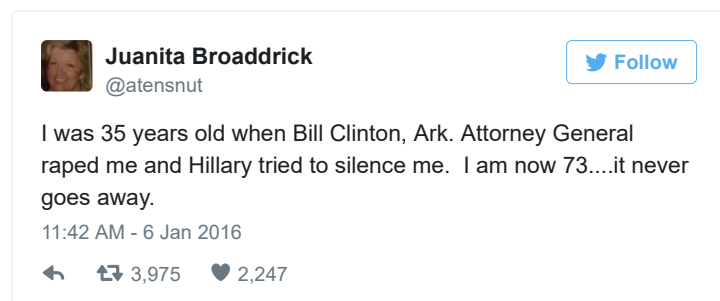


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A woman who publicly accused former President Bill Clinton of raping her in 1978 is resurrecting her claims on social media.

"I was 35 years old when Bill Clinton, Ark. Attorney General raped me," Juanita Broaddrick tweeted Wednesday.

"Hillary tried to silence me," she wrote of Bill Clinton's wife and the current Democratic presidential front-runner. "I am now 73...it never goes away."



The Hill reached a woman by phone in Van Buren, Ark., on Wednesday who identified herself as Broaddrick. She said the Twitter account is hers.

Broaddrick said she set the account up in 2009 but hasn't used it much since because she's unfamiliar with Twitter.

The former nursing home administrator alleged in 1999 that Bill Clinton raped her in Little Rock, Ark., during his 1978 gubernatorial campaign.

In a brief interview, Broaddrick, who said she retired after selling her nursing home business in 2008, said she's decided to play a more visible role heading into 2016.

"I've been quiet for too long, and now with the possibility of [Hillary Clinton] being the Democratic nominee and possibly president, I feel the need to get involved," she said.

Broaddrick said that she doesn't describe herself as Republican or Democrat, but is supporting Donald Trump for president.

"He says the things I like to hear," Broaddrick said.

She lauded Trump for broaching the issue of Bill Clinton's past marital infidelities and allegations of sexual assault.

"I'm glad someone did. Everyone has been hanging back and most of the mainstream media won't approach it but it's something that should be talked about."

David E. Kendall, the Clinton's then-personal attorney, strongly denied Broadrick's charges when they first emerged during Bill Clinton's presidency.

"Any allegation that the president assaulted Ms. Broadrick more than 20 years ago is absolutely false," he said in a statement released by the White House in February 1999, **according to** The Washington Post.

"Beyond that we are not going to comment," the attorney added then.

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