

Body building's biggest star has sensationally become the first competitor ever banned from the Mr Olympia competition over disturbing accusations.

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Reports emerged this week that body building's big hope for the future denied accusations of sexual assault in two recent lie-detector tests.

But right now he is still banned from competition and still preparing to face court.

The world of body building is also still rocked to its core by the bombshell allegations made public earlier this month that have seen reigning Mr Olympia champion Shawn Rhoden charged in the 3rd District Court in Salt Lake City with rape and object rape.

He's also facing a forcible sexual abuse charge.

TMZ Sports reported that Rhoden's bail has been set at US\$750,000

The serious charges saw Mr Olympia officials ban the star known as "Flexatron" on the spot, revoking his credentials to apply for this year's event, scheduled for Las Vegas in September, according to the body building pageant's parent company American Media LLC.

The decision to ban the 44-year-old sees Rhoden become the first body sculptor ever banned from the Mr Olympia competition.

It was only nine months ago that Rhoden was celebrated as the future of the sport.

A breath of fresh air the sport was screaming out for.

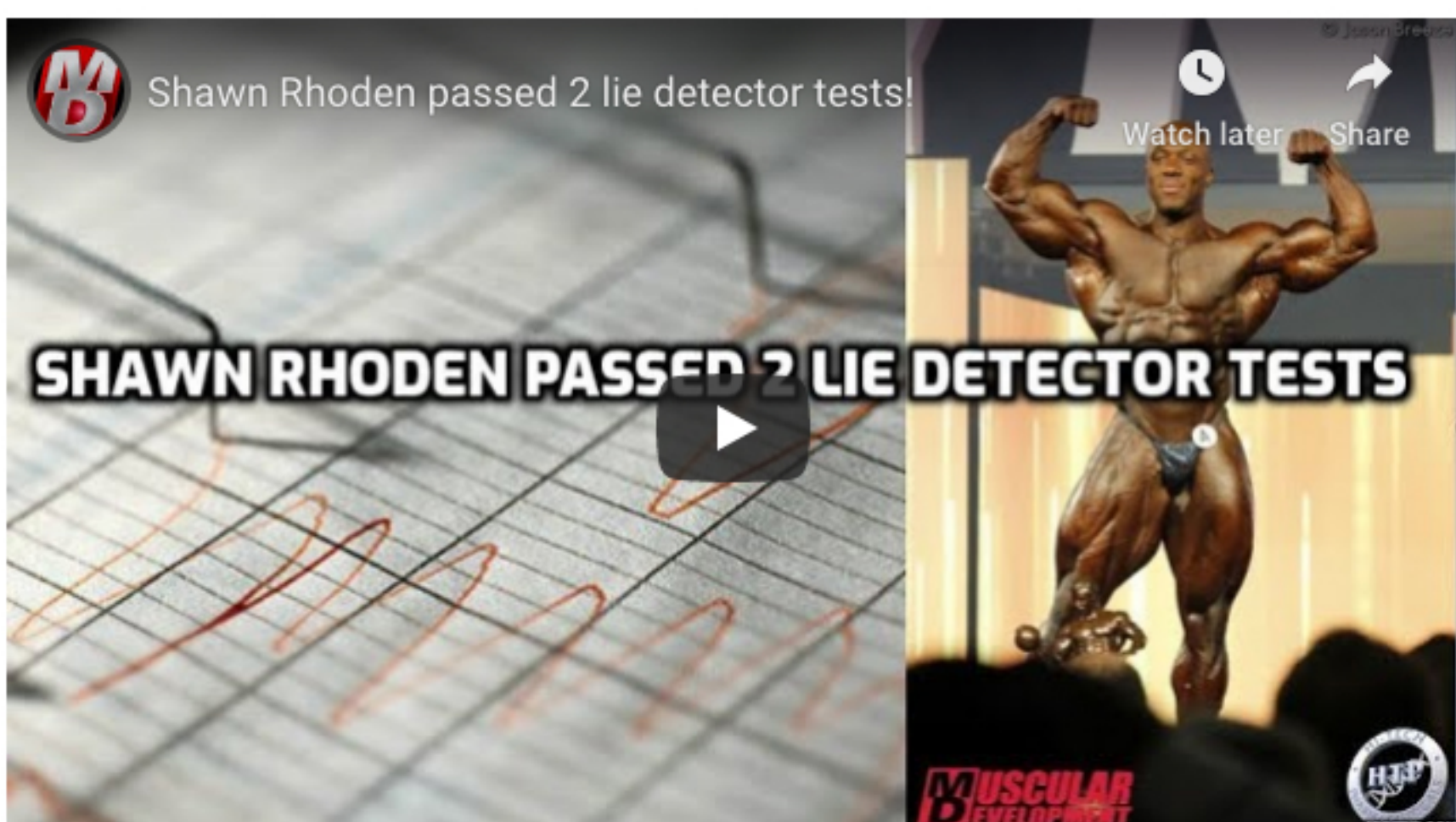
In winning the title for the first time in September, Rhoden toppled the long-reign of body building monsters — becoming the first competitor to win the event with a strikingly thinner waist and an uncharacteristically lighter frame of just 117kg.

[It led to bold declarations that the sport's future rested in his hands.](#)

In the space of a few weeks, the whole sport has been rocked to its core by the scandal surrounding its new poster boy.

While he has reportedly conducted and passed two different lie detector tests in the past year since he was first accused of sexually assaulting a female body building competitor, the scandal is set to burn everything in its path as the event approaches in September.

According to a report from Ron Harris from Muscular Development, Rhoden was able to pass two different types of lie detector tests — a traditional polygraph and an eyedetect test which measures micro eye movements in response to answers given.



In both tests, Rhoden reportedly claimed he had consensual sex with the woman accusing him of sexual assault after an incident inside of a Courtyard Marriott hotel room back in October — just a few weeks after he was crowned Mr Olympia for the first time.

The alleged victim had tried to stop Rhoden — pushing him away and ordering him to stay back — but the hulking, 260-pound bodybuilder was too strong, according to his charging documents.

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Before you judge me or anyone else in VICTORY or in DEFEAT just remember this, The fight begin long before there was even a stage. For me to get to this moment the battle started before I curled a dumbbell or squat a barbell. I celebrated this victory a long time ago, the day I decided I wanted to live. You never know how bad of a day the person next to you might be having. For just one moment be a human with a kind soul and tell the person next to you #yougotthis #nvrgiveup #staypositive #faith #thebestisyettocome #staystrong #dreambigger #life #live #shawnrhoden #flexatron #mroylmpia @olimp_born_in_the_gym @olimp_born_in_the_gym @mroylmpialc @therealtechnician @thecharlesglass @stanimal9 @venicetraining @trifectasystem @schieksportsinc @schieksportsinc @jagware_suits

A post shared by Shawn Rhoden (@flexatronrhoden) on Jul 10, 2019 at 3:11am PDT

The woman told police that he eventually got off of her and allowed her to leave, the documents said. She then went to police and immediately reported the alleged incident, [The New York Post reported last week.](#)

"On October 12, 2018, the Sandy City Police Department received a report of a sex offence at the Courtyard Marriott in Sandy City and Shawn Rhoden, 44-year-old male from California, was listed as a suspect," said SCPD lieutenant Dean Carriger, speaking to The Post on Friday.

"Following an extensive investigation, Sandy Police detectives submitted the case to the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office on one allegation of rape against Shawn Rhoden," Carriger said.

"The DA's office filed formal charges... and a warrant was subsequently issued for his arrest."

The bodybuilding veteran, who got his start in 1992 and has over 1.5 million followers on Instagram, describes himself online as having "one of the most sculpted, muscular physiques in the nation."

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A post shared by Shawn Rhoden (@flexatronrhoden) on Jul 4, 2019 at 3:58pm PDT

"Shawn is not only an incredible bodybuilder in terms of the package that he brings on to the stage, but he also has an incredible fighting spirit, work ethic and the heart of a champion which are the qualities that will take him as far as he wants to go in the sport," Rhoden's website reads.

"Shawn 'Flexatron' Rhoden is a true champion and his message to everyone is to not give up on your dreams, however impossible these may seem. 'Dream to Believe.'"

Right when the Mr Olympia needed its biggest star, officials announced he'd been suspended from competing in 2019.

American Media LLC Chairman and CEO David Pecker announced recently that he had revoking the eligibility of 2018 Mr Olympia Shawn Rhoden from competing in the 2019 and future Mr Olympia competitions.