

## Nursery assistant who cried rape is jailed for four months because 'she made genuine sex attack victims look like liars'

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A judge told a nursery assistant who falsely cried rape three times she had to be jailed for four months because she made genuine sex attack victims look like liars.

Emma Wallace, 25, claimed that David Spencer, a chef, raped her on two occasions in a bizarre attempt to 'seek attention' from her two lovers.

She also claimed a friend of hers, Samantha Raines, had 'procured' her for the rape - and threatened her with a knife if she went to police.

Mr Spencer, in his twenties, had the threat of prosecution



**'Attention-seeking': Emma Wallace, pictured arriving at court**

hanging over his head for **today, was jailed for crying rape three times**  
three months and was said to be 'devastated' by the allegations.

But he was cleared after it was shown he was working hundreds of miles away in Tetbury Gloucester, at the time of her story.

Judge Emma Guggenheim QC, sentencing Wallace at Isleworth Crown Court, said she had no choice but to send her to jail.

'Apart from the consequences to the accused man, every false allegation of rape increases the plight of poor women victims of this dreadful crime.

'It makes the offence difficult to prove and a jury may find itself insufficiently sure.'

She added: 'It causes such harm to not only the accused person but to all genuine victims of rape.'

Wallace wiped tears from her eyes during the sentence, as did her mother watching from the public gallery.

Wallace launched her smear campaign after a heavy drinking session at the Castle pub in Chertsey, Surrey, on June 15 last year.

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After an argument with one of her lovers, Chris Hatchett, 44, a married man, Wallace told two friends in the car park she had been raped.

While 'crying and hysterical' she contacted another of her boyfriends, Adam Gibbons, to drive her to a police station.

At 2am and while still drunk she made the false claims she was raped on May 18 by Mr Spencer, on May 30 by an unknown man, and on June 8, by Mr Spencer again.

Police interviewed her again the following day when she had sobered up. She maintained the story until October 5 this year - the day she was about to stand trial.

She said the rape with the unknown man took place at Miss Raines' Isleworth flat, and with Mr Spencer at unknown addresses in the same area.

Her account unravelled after Mr Spencer was interviewed under caution and was able to provide his alibi for the dates of the alleged attacks.

Mr Spencer told police he had met Wallace 'three or four times' - and they had not hit it off as she had been 'abusive' toward him.

He was written to by police three months after the original allegation he was no longer a suspect.

On January 22 this year Wallace was invited to reconsider her account and told she would be let off with a police caution if she owned up - but she insisted her account was true and she was arrested.

Her account was lent support from Gibbons - who told police that on one occasion he had seen Miss Raines threaten Wallace with a knife.

But Gibbons - who had slept with Wallace just once - later admitted he had lied on her behalf as he 'thought it would strengthen their relationship'.

Gibbons was released with a police caution for attempting to pervert the course of justice.

On the day she was due to stand trial - October 5 this year - Wallace confessed to three counts of perverting the course of justice - one for each false rape charge.

Describing how Miss Raines was dragged into the case, Anthony Heaton Armstrong, prosecuting, said: 'She alleged Sam procured her as a rape victim.'

The prosecution told how, on one occasion, Sam threatened her with a knife so that she didn't go to the police to allege rape.

Mr Heaton Armstrong said that police were initially sceptical about Wallace's account which was 'maliciously motivated'.

But he said: 'Police do not lightly doubt a woman who comes to them with such a complaint.'

Andrew Turton, defending, said Wallace of Chertsey, had suffered depression from her parents divorcing. He said she would lose her nursery job she had held for the past three years as a result of the conviction.

Mr Turton in mitigation said: 'She can at times be gullible and naive, not necessarily bad things, but she is attention seeking and can be prone to exaggeration.'

'These are character traits that must have relevance in matters before the court today.'

Witnesses interviewed by police said Wallace was prone to fantasy - including lying that she had two children, and telling a friend that a previous boyfriend of hers had an affair with her mother.

Miss Raines said that on the night in June of one of the alleged rapes, she had seen her former friend 'making advances to a

man buying a kebab' and instead of spending the night with Mr Spencer, went off with Gibbons.

Speaking after the case, Detective Constable Gavin Boulton said: 'These complaints have had a devastating effect on the two people falsely accused by Miss Wallace.

'The threat of being prosecuted hung over their heads for months.'