



Moses Lake woman sentenced for lying about being raped

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EPHRATA – A Moses Lake woman is serving six months in jail after she lied about being raped.

Kelsie A. Brittan, a 24-year-old woman, pleaded guilty in Grant County Superior Court to malicious prosecution and making a false or misleading statement to a public servant.

The charges were not changed as part of a plea agreement between Deputy Prosecutor Carole Highland and defense attorney Rafael Gonzales.

Brittian has no previous felony convictions. She faced up to a year in jail, according to state sentencing laws.

Grant County Superior Court Judge Evan Sperline followed the attorneys' recommendation and sentenced Brittian to six months in jail.

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Alan White stated the recommendation was based on Brittian's lack of a previous conviction.

"It is a very difficult decision to decide what is an appropriate sentence recommendation to make to a judge in a case where (Brittian's statement led) to a (police) investigation where (they) sought criminal charges against a citizen, arrested him, and put him in jail for a crime he did not commit," he stated.

Brittian's report led to a man spending two months in jail because he wasn't able to pay bail, White stated.

"Carole Highland put a lot of effort into this case, along with another deputy prosecutor," he stated.

Brittian reportedly accused her housemate of raping her in April 2014, according to Moses Lake police. After initially filing the report, she talked to officers at least twice and continued to claim she was raped. She also spoke with a representative from the Grant County Victim and Witness Unit, and repeated the same claims.

Jeremy D. Wareham, a 33-year-old Moses Lake man, was arrested and charged in Grant County Superior Court with rape in the second degree.

The charges against Wareham were dismissed two months later after Washington State Patrol crime lab tests showed he did not commit the crime.

She admitted to police she lied about the attack because she had sex with someone the night before and wanted an explanation for her boyfriend if she was pregnant.

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I agree... how can you feel sorry for her? She lied to her boyfriend, the police, and who knows how many other people. She tarnished this man's reputation and like one of the other commenters said, he probably lost his job over it - and even if he didn't lose his job, he lost at least 2 months of wages while he sat in jail waiting for the results from the crime lab.

So, instead of her just breaking up with her boyfriend (who she obviously didn't care very much about since she cheated on him) or having an abortion (last I heard it was still legal) she makes up a lie which could have potentially ruined this guy's life. Time in prison, having to register as a convicted sex offender, etc. Really??? Feel sorry for her???

I think SHE should have to register as a convicted sex offender for the rest of her life. Make an example of her, then women might refrain from lying about things like that.
She should also have to pay him restitution for his lost wages and other damages she did to him.
What a loser! Six months is nothing compared to what she deserves.
As for the comment about the guy should be allowed to rape her, that is repulsive. I would bet the victim would feel the same even after sitting in jail for two months. He is probably a decent guy who wouldn't do that to ANY woman, AND secondly, he probably wouldn't want to touch her after what she did to him. I would sooner think he'd want some other kind of revenge - but not of the sexual nature.

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Feel sorry for her? LMAO What about the innocent guy that was put in jail for two month's?

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I know the girl
feel sorry for her

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