

Fury after woman who falsely cried rape is handed an £80 fixed penalty

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When a mother of five reported that she had been raped by two East European men, panic spread through her community and ethnic tension led to street violence.

Despite the arrest of two suspects, the crime remained unsolved and angry residents confronted police chiefs at a public meeting to voice fears for their safety.

Yesterday it was revealed that the 'victim', Susan Bradley, 41, later admitted to police that the attack never took place.



Disgrace: Police launched extra patrols after the woman falsely claimed she had been raped in Darnall, Sheffield

But instead of being taken to court for perverting the course of justice and facing a jail sentence, she escaped with an £80 fixed penalty for wasting police time.

The decision has been condemned by residents in Darnall, Sheffield, but police say it was the 'best disposal' taking into account the woman's 'previous good character'.

A major investigation was launched after Bradley claimed to have been raped by two men on wasteland near her home in the early hours of January 30.

A businesswoman in the area said: 'East Europeans were targeted and beaten up after the woman said she had been raped by men from there.'

'What she did is disgusting, never mind the cost to taxpayers for all the extra police time. Now women may think twice about reporting rape for fear of not being believed.'

'It's outrageous they have basically let her off with a slap on the wrist. What kind of message does that send out?'



People around Greenland Road, in Darnall, Sheffield, became concerned for their safety after the woman's false rape allegation

Julie Lindley, who runs a hairdressing salon, said: 'Her rape claim had the community up in arms.'

'She had our support and sympathy and we all pressed the police to catch the attackers. I am appalled that somebody would make up such an offence.'

South Yorkshire Police agreed the fixed penalty fine. They refused to name the woman, but Bradley was identified by members of the community.

At her home yesterday, the jobless mother, who recently separated from her partner of 17 years, was still claiming to be a victim. Despite not contesting the fine for wasting police time she said two men had sex with her that night but she had not consented.

Bradley said: 'I admit I had a lot to drink that night. They didn't injure me but this has really affected me and my kids' lives. They can't even go to school because of all the rumours.'



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The law in this sick country is pathetic and is full of p.c. garbage as the so called police are.

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This is appalling, women like her deserve to have the book thrown at them for the misery they cause, both to the victims of their false allegations and the real victims of rape.

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And our police cannot understand why we have no respect for them anymore! - S.I.Mather, Bradwell, UK, 25/3/2011 15:12
-----Strange comment when it has ZERO to do with the police. The CPS are a totally different organisation.

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Proof if ever we need it that men are treated WORSE in law than women. She should be sued for every penny she's got.

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"East Europeans were targeted and beaten up after the woman said she had been raped by men from there."-----
-----No, they were not!!! Unless she can prove it, that's a crock of lies, otherwise we would have heard about
it....."At her home yesterday, the jobless mother, who recently separated from her partner of 17
years, was still claiming to be a victim. Despite not contesting the fine for wasting police time she said two men had sex
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not consented? That's rape, which you said you made up! So you did consent or it didn't happen, probably both. Mother of
five showing great standard. Disgusting woman.

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[Carol Brown](#), South Australia, 8 years ago

She should have got prison - FULL STOP! An £80 fine isn't even a slap on the wrist, it's pathetic!

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disgusting horrible little woman. I must admit the recent news articles also of false or exaggerated harrassment claims (like that poor policeman that committed suicide) are really making me think. I don't think I would put myself in a position professionally or personally where I was alone with a woman I didnt know ever again, ie interviewing a woman in a board room with no windows - no way I'd do that, if I had to go on a business lunch with a lady I'd refuse unless I'm with a third party also. Giving a girl I don't know so well a lift somewhere, ie freind of a freind wants picking up on route to a mutual location, or a female colleague wants a lift to work and I dont know them very well- no chance they can get a taxi.

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Henry Alan, Gravesend.UK et all: The police can't do anything above the law. As much as this pathetic excuse of a woman has done something terribly wrong, they can't just fine her as much as they want. Plus, to make her go to court, she has to be accused and to do so, the guys have to press charges. In this instance, the guys who she claimed raped her most probably wanted to get on with their lives and forget about the whole incident, so didn't press charges and the police had to let her go. The police can't just lock her in because they want to. But at least she has been named and shamed, and I'm sure the community will not make her an easy living in the area.

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[Henry Alan](#), Gravesend.UK, 8 years ago

It sounds as if it was the police's decision to let her off with a silly fine -- how can they expect society to respect them when they take this sort of soft option -- did it save them a lot of paperwork, or was it just that they couldn't be bothered ?

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