

Transsexual makes 19th rape claim in 10 years costing taxpayer £200,000 in police investigation costs

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A transsexual has made 19 rape claims over the last decade - and it has cost the taxpayer £200,000 to investigate them, it was revealed today.

The woman, aged in her 30s, made her latest claim after allegedly being attacked on Tuesday.

Each time a rape is reported police are forced to spend £10,000 on legal fees, carrying out forensic tests and investigating.



Probe: Scotland Yard officers have investigated 19 separate claims of rape that the woman has made over the last 10 years

It is unclear whether any of the cases have led to a prosecution.

The woman made her 19th rape claim after allegedly being attacked when she went to meet a man for sex in Sutton, Surrey, the Sun reported.

She had first been contacted by him on an internet dating website.

This morning Scotland Yard confirmed that a 26-year-old man had been arrested in connection with the incident before being released on bail.

The suspect allegedly recorded the woman threatening to have him arrested.

A police spokesman refused to discuss whether the woman had made any other rape claims.

Officers have no choice but to probe every single claim because of the risk of getting it wrong.

Every time an allegation of rape is made the suspect is arrested and handcuffed, taken to a police station and have their fingerprints taken.

If police dismissed cases because they didn't believe the allegations, it would discourage victims from coming forward.

Police missed two opportunities to catch rapist taxi driver John Worboys, 57, who targeted 102 women over a five year period.

After the high-profile blunder they are extra careful to look into all cases.

If rape claims are shown to be invented, police have the power to prosecute the person who made the claim for wasting police time.

Jo Wood, from Rape Crisis England and Wales, said that the woman should be free to report every alleged rape.

'It looks to me as if she could do with some support work - she seems to be ending up in these situations where she is in danger,' she said.

'She is obviously screaming out for help.

'Given the amount of money that has been spent investigating these cases they should be asking further questions and trying to help and support this woman.

'The fact that someone has come forward 19 times is phenomenal - and it is great that the police are investigating them all.'



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Aside from the sensationalist aspect of the transexual issue is the point of what this kind of behaviour does to overall conviction rate for rape offences. And I can also say that multiple reports by individuals is not uncommon., and unless it is specifically proven that the offence did NOT occur, it remains as an undetected crime. And it is this that leads to woeful conviction rate..But here's the rub; how to differentiate between the genuine and the false/malicious? The fact is that you simply can't until it has been fully investigated. And then it becomes a matter of proving that no consent existed. And that is often extremely difficult/impossible as there are usually only two people present. But in my force ALL allegations are taken seriously. And I mean ALL. And the reason why - because there the genuine victims that deserve justice and I personally would be very uncomfortable if we ignored somebody that needed our help.

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Jo Partington: if a man had falsely accused a woman 19 times of (say) assaulting him, and each time she had been handcuffed and taken to the police station, would you say he needed "help" and "counselling"? I don't think so. I suspect you would be saying, "Lock him up and throw away the key!"

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Robyn, York well yes transexuals do have mental health issues. The very factt they are tmasexual implies this. They are not mentally able to deal with the gender they were born with. Even if the hormomes are the problem when the same hormones in a woman cause something like post natal depression it is still considered a mental health issue. But no end of horemone treatment or surgery is going to change or improve that state of mind of being unhappy with who or what you are. I have know quite a few transgenders, all had the op and all are still unhappy. There is no easy answer but going round accusing men of ccrimes they didn't commit serves one purpose. It satisfies this ppersons need for attention and that is all. There are people outt there of all ages and both genders who just want the attention sympathy that being a victim gets you. They feed off it. This is a good example of it. What we need are police investigtqtors who know the difference and then get that person help.

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"Every time an allegation of rape is made the suspect is arrested and handcuffed, taken to a police station and have their fingerprints taken." And that's before considering the evidence, or whether the accuser has a history of false allegations. "It looks to me as if she could do with some support work" says Jo Wood of Rape Crisis Centre, "... she is obviously screaming out for help". More like, she's screaming out for a long prison sentence to deter her and others from making false allegations that could land innocent men in prison themselves.

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@ liz: she may have met the man with the intention of having sex, but this does not mean that she had to go through with that intention. No means no: in Australia punters have been found guilty of rape even though the victim was a prostitute and the venue a brothel

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Such people should be named and shamed if they are found to be accusing others falsely. The law and legal system would be more effective if there was a punishment for false testimony and false accusations. As things stand, anyone eligible for legal aid can do what they like as their not paying towards legal costs.

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typical of barmy do gooder lefties..no one ever lies. no one is to blame, everyone deserves a 2nd, 3rd, 100th chance so each time despite his previous claims they keep on believing him? come on 'Given the amount of money that has been spent investigating these cases they should be asking further questions and trying to help and support this woman. Yep, keep supporting the losers and the loons..its not 'their fault'? 'A police spokesman refused to discuss whether the woman had made any other rape claims. So despite this cretin making 18 other previous allegations they still protect the person? Typical of this country, even when someone's in the wrong still protect them..realistically they should be free to say that this person has made 18 previous claims and is a crank

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It seems to me that this person needs some serious counselling. Either she's getting into bad situations constantly where other women would have alarm bells ringing long before this or she's 'enlarging' on what's happened. Whatever she needs help and that would be a lot cheaper than these constant investigations and waste of police time.

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Surely an investigation into this person's mental state should have been conducted even after the second cry of rape?! Absolutely ridiculous and really not fair on the people she is accusing

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