

Female escort who accused an innocent police officer she had never met of raping her in revenge for arresting her ex-husband over drugs offences case is jailed for two years

- Halina Khan's false claims almost cost officer constable his marriage and career
- The 40-year-old later said at a police station, 'I made it up, there, I made it up'
- Officer took part in drugs probe involving her second ex-husband, court heard
- Khan admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice last November

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An escort who 'wickedly' accused an innocent police detective of raping her has been jailed for two years and three months.

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The detective constable was subjected to a humiliating and unnecessary five-week investigation, which incurred forensic science costs of more than £10,000.

Khan admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice last November by making a false rape claim against the detective constable.

Sentencing the 40-year-old at Leicester Crown Court, high court judge Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb said Khan had committed 'a wicked crime' which had 'serious consequences' for the victim and his family.

She said such false claims affected public confidence in the genuineness of real rape victims.

The judge told the defendant: 'I'm told you're remorseful, although there's no evidence of that other than your guilty pleas.'

She added: 'Rape is a profoundly hideous crime which all should find repulsive.'



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The detective was at home with his wife and son when officers went to his home at night to inform him of the complaint against him.

He attended a police station outside the Leicestershire force area to be interviewed by other officers and to give samples for analysis.

The allegation caused immense strain in his marriage and he was off work sick for six months with depression and anxiety.

In a victim impact statement, the police officer said he was 'completely stunned' by the allegation and his 'world fell apart'.

He said it was 'touch and go' at one stage if he would return to work, and it affected his relationship with his employers.

The man added: 'I can't explain why it affected me as it did. 'If I hadn't been able to prove my innocence, I'd have lost my liberty.'

Almas Ben-Aribia, prosecuting, said the false rape complaint came after Khan made a call to Leicestershire Police at 8am on November 3 last year.

The defendant initially contacted the force saying her partner had taken her car, without consent, from the Regency Hotel in London Road, Stonegate, in Leicester.

When two constables arrived at the hotel, the defendant struggled to open the door of her room. Staff facilitated access.



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Khan then said she was an escort, and that 'a client' had taken her vehicle. She pointed to a red mark on the floor, implying the person had been hurt.

When arrested on suspicion of causing injury, Khan resisted by bashing her phone and struggling with officers.

While being restrained, she hurled racist abuse at a Sikh woman officer and a white male officer.

She then shouted out the untrue rape claim naming the detective - who was not present - as having raped her the previous night at the hotel.

Khan later said at the police station: 'I made it up, there, I made it up.'

However, she would not make a statement nor sign an officer's notebook confirming that her claim was untrue.

The judge said the force had no alternative but to investigate the claim, especially when the defendant was again spoken to and denied fabricating the rape allegation, saying she was just 'being sarcastic'.

Khan, of Blackfriars Road, Salford, Manchester, but formerly of Leicester, also admitted two counts of racial harassment towards two arresting police officers, by making vile and insulting racist comments.

There were no charges in relation to her having assaulted anyone at the hotel.

The court heard that Khan had two previous convictions for incidents of racially abusing police officers.

The defendant, who has formerly been a project worker helping ex-offenders in Birmingham and has been employed by Women's Aid in Manchester, sobbed in the dock while her barrister, Dharmendra Toor, gave evidence in her defence.

Women's Aid said they did not have any record of having employed Khan.

Mr Toor said: 'She's led a traumatic life. She's utterly remorseful.'

The court heard that Khan used the innocent detective's name, although she had never met him, because he was one of the officers in an earlier drugs investigation involving her second ex-husband, in 2011.

Mr Toor said Khan had previously encountered domestic abuse, and suffered from depression as well as a 'complex post-traumatic stress disorder'.

She had a drink problem and consumed 'at least one bottle of vodka' before making the false rape claim, the court was told.

'She was plainly unwell and made a spurious allegation against a man she didn't know, which she says was deplorable and she did retract it,' said Mr Toor.