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Former Manchester City footballer George Glendon cleared of raping woman



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George Glendon at Grimsby Crown Court during his trial (Picture: BPM)

A former Manchester City player has been found not guilty by a jury of raping a 19-year-old woman in Cleethorpes.

Prosecutors accused George Glendon, 22, of sexually attacking the ‘extremely drunk’ 19-year-old near the seaside resort in early 2016.

But the jury at Grimsby Crown Court agreed with his defence team who argued the alleged victim gave ‘unreliable’ evidence which was ‘a million miles away’ from proving him guilty.

The nine women and three men of the jury took just over half-an-hour to clear Glendon, of Outwood Drive, Cheadle, of rape.

Mr Glendon told the court the woman had been ‘quite drunk’ and their later sexual encounter lasted ‘around five seconds’.

He also denied waiting outside a nightclub called The Lite House so he could pick up the girl for sex and claimed he helped her as he was worried about her safety.



The Lite House nightclub, Sea Road, Cleethorpes (Picture: BPM)

The prosecution claimed the woman was so drunk she was ‘falling over’ and was ‘incapable of stringing a sentence together’.

And it was claimed she could not remember what happened to her apart from that she ended up in a man’s bedroom with her dress off.

Mr Glendon said: ‘I went upstairs. She went upstairs. She went up before me.

‘I get up the stairs and she is in the room where I was meant to be staying. She was in the bed. She was under the covers. I seen her dress on the floor. She had already taken it off before I got in. I didn’t help.’



Michael Glendon was captain of Manchester City's elite development team (Picture: Getty)

'She was encouraging it. She took the first move by kissing me and I was kissing her back. Her body was moving. She seemed like she was enjoying it. She tries to

get on top of me while I carry on kissing. She pulled my jeans down so they are off.’

He also told the court she instigated the sexual encounter.

Defence barrister Judy Khan QC had told the jury Mr Glendon’s arrest was ‘the start of a nightmare for him’ which would end if they found him not guilty.

Midfielder Glendon joined Manchester City as a youth player in 2013 and left in 2016 to play for Fleetwood Town FC.

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