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Teenager cleared of rape charge

A teenager has been cleared of locking a woman in a flat and raping her.

Shohidul Islam, 18, of Hillcote Drive, West Bowling, Bradford, was unanimously acquitted by a jury at Bradford Crown Court yesterday after a four day trial.

Jurors decided the alleged victim, aged 19, was not telling the truth when she claimed Islam had kept her at the flat in Birch Lane, West Bowling, Bradford, for nine hours and raped her on a couch in a box room.

Islam, of Hillcote Drive, West Bowling, Bradford, had denied charges of rape and false imprisonment in May last year.

The woman alleged he threatened to set fire to the flat with petrol and had produced a blade. She said he told her he was phoning for a car to take them to Paris or Bangladesh.

Barrister Nicholas de la Poer, representing Islam, told the jury it “beggared belief” that the woman could not have pushed Islam off, because she was bigger than him.

He said: “Her account simply cannot be right.”

Mr de la Poer said she had the opportunity to dispose of the petrol when Islam left the flat for five minutes.

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