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Recording of sex session exposed rape claim as false

A TAPE recording of a sex session in a holiday complex cleared a 30-year-old man of a false rape claim.

Yesterday, the girl who made up the story last March was jailed for three months. Michelle Reynolds, 19, of Portmahomack, Ross-shire, was appearing for sentence at Ayr Sheriff Court after earlier admitting making false representations to police and making cook David Taylor liable to suspicion and accusation of rape.

The court heard yesterday that both were working at Wonderwest World, Ayr, when she and Mr Taylor had sex in his car and his chalet. She became annoyed when he did not want to walk her back to her own chalet or agree to see her again.

After she went back to her chalet and claimed to a friend that Mr Taylor had raped her, police were called. Fiscal Alexander Russell told the court: "During examination, Mr Taylor told police he and some other male members of staff at the complex apparently kept some form of league table of their activities with women. In order to substantiate this, he had tape-recorded what happened in his chalet."

When the tape was handed to police, it supported Mr Taylor's version of events, he added.

When she was challenged about her story, Reynolds told police she had thought Mr Taylor would get a warning and that would be the end of the matter.

She said she had noticed Mr Taylor putting the tape recorder on but thought it was a radio and did not bother about it.

Lawyer Peter Lockhart told the court that Reynolds had drunk 12 or 13 bottles of cider at a staff night out before going off with Mr Taylor.

The lawyer said: "I have not heard the tape -- but clearly it plays a considerable part in the Crown case."

After returning to her own chalet, Reynolds was upset. She took a bath, then told a friend she had been raped. When a doctor examined her, he found injuries which were consistent with her allegation.

Mr Lockhart added: "Had it not been for the tape then matters may well have been pursued to the High Court."

Jailing Reynolds after studying reports, Sheriff Ronald Watson told her all the papers in the case indicated that the motivation for her story was one of revenge. He added that it was very fortunate for Mr Taylor that the tape cleared him.

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