

# 40-year old set to marry teenager who falsely accused him of rape

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Emily Metson, 17, who has a young son and is now pregnant again, falsely claimed 40-year-old William Henderson had repeatedly raped her last November.

But yesterday, the couple revealed they now plan to marry.

William said: "I would never have done what Emily did to anyone.

"But if I love and respect someone, I'll stick with them no matter what. I don't hold any grudge. I can see us having a long future together."

Emily, whose son Jett is six months old, said she had made a "massive mistake" as she had post-natal depression at the time.

Weeks after the false claim, she returned home to William and went to the police to admit she had lied.

And William was at Peterhead Sheriff Court to support her when she pled guilty to a charge of wasting police time.

Emily said yesterday: "I was surprised he decided to take me back. I wouldn't have.

"I went back to the police so I could get back together with William. I just wanted to prove that I didn't mean it."

The couple, who met at college, live together in Sandhaven, Aberdeenshire, and had been engaged before Emily's rape lies.

William called off their plans to marry after he was arrested and put through a series of interviews and forensic tests.

But he proposed again after Emily's admission.

Procurator fiscal depute Eilidh Wright told the court Emily had had a row with William before she reported him.

Ms Wright added: "She told police she had only said she was raped because she was in a bad mood because they had been arguing."

Gail Wiggins, defending, said: "She appreciates how serious this allegation was. She was suffering from post-natal depression.

"It is fair to say that she wasn't thinking straight."

The teenager was told her actions were "disturbing" by sheriff Marysia Lewis, who deferred sentence for six months for her to show good behaviour.

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