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Woman falsely accused boyfriend

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Christopher Nixon: victim of false allegations

A WOMAN with learning difficulties could not face losing her jailbird boyfriend - so she falsely accused him of rape and got him arrested, York Crown Court heard.

Christopher Nixon wanted to end his relationship with Ann Rachel Newman after he was released from a 15-month sentence for abducting a teenager.

Prosecutor Rob Galley said she claimed Nixon had come to her home and raped her.

Police arrested Nixon and he spent 18 hours' in custody before city centre CCTV cleared his name. It showed that he could not have been at Newman's home at the time she said he was.

"You have done a very wicked thing," the Recorder of York, Judge Paul Hoffman, told her.

"You say that you have strong feelings for this man, but no woman gets a man back by locking him up for a crime he hasn't committed. This is a totally fabricated tale."

The judge gave her a six-month jail term, but suspended it for two years because Newman has a very low IQ. The suspension is conditional on her undergoing three years' supervision.

Newman, of Hewley Avenue, Tang Hall, York, admitted perverting the course of justice. She was on a 12-month community order at the time for an offence against a child.

For Newman, barrister Diane Nixon produced letters Mr Nixon had sent Newman from prison that she claimed showed the relationship was continuing.

Mr Galley said Newman visited Mr Nixon twice in jail, but he wanted to end the relationship. Newman then threatened to "get him into trouble".

Nixon visited her twice to collect clothing and other items from her home. Then he was arrested, and accused of raping her.

But he gave police a detailed account of how he had spent the time of the alleged rape looking for work and CCTV footage supported his story.

Miss Nixon said Newman's IQ of 65 meant that she had slight learning difficulties and had not appreciated the seriousness of what she had done.

"She is on the cusp of society," said Miss Nixon. "She is hardly able to look after herself."

Newman believed that police would merely warn her boyfriend to stay away from her and would have dropped the allegations before they came to trial. Yet she wanted to be with him.

Christopher Nixon, 43, of Acomb, faced an instant return to jail when Ann Newman made her allegation.

He was released on February 23, having served half his sentence, as is standard for most prisoners.

If they reoffend during the second half of their sentence, the Home Office or a judge can send them back to prison to finish their sentence off.

They can also be returned to jail without being convicted of a new offence if the Parole Board believes they are not behaving properly.

Nixon was jailed in July 2006 for 15 months for abducting a 15-year-old girl.

He twice defied police and the girl's mother, and took her to Sheffield.

York Crown Court heard then that he maintained there was nothing sexual in his relationship with the girl and she had lied to police, social services and her mother about their clandestine meetings.

But Judge Paul Hoffman, sentencing him, said: "Here is a much older man, warned off by the mother, warned off by the police, and he is seeing the girl frequently.

"What conclusion is one to draw from that?

"What does a man of 42 want with a 14- or 15-year-old girl?"

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