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Teenager not guilty of rape

A TEENAGE refugee accused of dragging a student on to a bus to take her to his house to rape her has walked free from court.

Mahmod Hemein, aged 18, of Herbert Road, Woolwich, was alleged to have forced himself on the 17-year-old and then thrown her out with enough money to get home.

But the case collapsed on April 1 after the girl was questioned at the Old Bailey.

The prosecution offered no evidence and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty to rape.

Hemein, a Kurdish Iraqi, admitted he had sex with the teenager after meeting her at a bus stop near Woolwich Arsenal at 2pm on May 1 last year.

They then travelled to his home and went to his bedroom. Hemein told officers he had consensual sex with her after she said she "fancied" him.

But she claimed he pushed her onto his bed, pulled her trousers and knickers down and raped her. She was given coins to get home by bus.

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