

‘Rape’ caught on mobile camera

NW woman may be extradited to Spain

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A NORTH Wales woman faces possible extradition to Spain for allegedly making false rape claims against two men while on holiday.

The 20-year-old is to be quizzed by North Wales Police after mobile phone video footage of her engaging in sex acts with the pair was produced.

It is believed to be one of the first cases of its kind in which a Brit may be extradited to face charges of making a bogus rape claim.

The mobile phone footage was produced as evidence to Spanish officials on behalf of the two young Frenchmen the woman, from Wrexham, accused of rape.

Lawyers acting for the two men claim that the video recording made during the sex acts shows that her allegations are not true.

The clip was filmed by one of the men and they claim it proves the woman was willing to take part.

According to sources, the video clearly shows the woman performing sex acts on both of the men.

One said: “The video is strong evidence in favour of the men because she looks like she is certainly enjoying herself.

“It would be difficult to argue she was raped because everything she was doing appeared consensual.”

Thanks to the latest technology, mobile phone footage is becoming more common in such cases and can provide strong evidence.

The incident took place in May in the town of Renys de Mar, near Barcelona, where the woman was staying on holiday.

She told police she met the men in a bar while drinking with female friends during their holiday.

The rape allegation was reported to police at 5am and she gave a full statement claiming she was assaulted by both men, aged 26 and 28.

They were subsequently charged with rape and she returned home to North Wales awaiting a trial date.

But during the preparation of the case, a video filmed on a mobile phone was produced and the men argued it proved all three had taken part in a consensual sex act.

The woman could face a charge under the Spanish law equivalent of attempting to pervert the course of justice or wasting police time.

The two men remain on police bail while the new allegations are investigated.

A file has been sent to Wrexham CID at North Wales Police for them to interview the woman. They will prepare a report to be passed on to the Spanish authorities via the Home Office.

It is expected that a European Arrest Warrant will then be issued and the extradition process will start. Police confirmed they had been handed a report about the case and had been asked to assist in the Spanish investigation.

It is believed to be one of the first cases of its kind in which an extradition process is being started over false rape allegations of a British holidaymaker, involving mobile phone footage.

One legal source said: "Films from mobile telephones can provide strong and indisputable evidence."

“They are now extremely clear and are bound to be relied upon more now that a large percentage of the country has a phone with a film facility.”

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