

## News

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## Man cleared of rape and sexual assault after prosecutors drop case



Mr Francis was cleared after prosecutors offered no evidence

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**A MAN has been cleared of rape and assault by penetration after prosecutors dropped the charges.**

Graham Francis, 41, of North Road, Brighton, was charged in January over the alleged offences against a 29-year-old woman in 2013.

But he was cleared at a court hearing in September when prosecutors offered no evidence, it has been confirmed.

A Crown Prosecution Service spokeswoman said today: "The CPS keeps all of its cases under regular review and, following a review of the case, it was decided there was no longer a realistic prospect of conviction in this case."

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