

FALSE RAPE CLAIM - Torrington woman branded selfish and cowardly by judge for oral sex lie

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Sophie Tucker lied and accused her boss of rape

A WOMAN who invented a false rape claim against a wholly innocent businessman has been branded as selfish and cowardly by a Judge.

Sophie Tucker invited her fiancé's 50-year-old boss to her home and took part in a sex act with him and tried to lie her way out of trouble when her partner spotted him leaving the house.

She claimed he had grabbed her pony tail and forced her to have oral sex against her will. She repeated the lie at hospital and to the police in a 51-minute video taped interview.

The victim of her lies was Carl Williamson, who runs a company which organises medical training courses. He was arrested while working at North Devon District Hospital.

He spent almost seven hours in custody and had to submit to having samples taken by a nurse. He then spent 24 days on police bail while false rumours about his arrest were spread by Tucker's boyfriend Chris Hutchings.

His business suffered because of a stain on his character which was finally lifted when a judge stressed that he was completely innocent.

Tucker, 23, of Victory Way, Torrington, admitted perverting the course of justice and was jailed for 18 months, suspended for two years and ordered to attend a thinking skills course and pay £200 costs by Judge Ian Lawrie at Exeter Crown Court.

He told her the only reason she was not going straight to jail was for the sake of her two children, aged one and two.

He told her: "You betrayed your future husband but betrayed Mr Williamson.

"You must have known what you were doing was going to make life very difficult for Mr Williamson. You showed selfishness and cowardice which are deeply unappealing.

"You did not do the honest, courageous thing and admit what you had been up to. You chose to make this serious allegation of oral rape.

"You did not take the opportunity to put it right at the hospital. You set the lie running and on one view you were shackled to it. When you were interviewed by the police a couple of hours later, that gave you the opportunity to withdraw the allegation but you did not.

"All aspects of your behaviour show you to be cowardly and thoroughly selfish. You say you were thinking about your children. You should have thought of them before you engaged in this act of oral sex.

"He was arrested in embarrassing and appallingly humiliating circumstances and spent 24 days on police bail. You have done untold harm to a man of good character who had a responsible job.

"His personal integrity has suffered from these sexual allegations. Once that suspicion is cast it is very difficult to end. I hope the reporting of this case will show he was entirely innocent of any misdeeds.

"The world will look at him and there is an element of muck sticking. You have done significant harm to him and must pay the price for that.

"I don't know how you can make amends to Mr Williamson but I want to make it absolutely clear he was falsely accused, unjustly accused, and is an entirely innocent man.

"We live in a system where sexual complaints are hard enough to establish before a jury without your type of behaviour casting doubt, so you have done a grave disservice to those who have genuine complaints of sexual assault."

Nigel Wraith, for the prosecution, said Tucker knew Mr Williamson because her partner worked for him and had sent him flirtatious texts and naked pictures before inviting him to her home for oral sex.

Mr Hutchings passed him as he was driving away and when he asked Tucker she told him he had forced her to take part in a sex act.

He insisted she went to hospital where the police were called and she later made a statement in a video taped police interview which alleged oral rape.



Mr Wraith said Mr Williamson had made a victim impact statement which said he had been upset at being arrested at the North Devon District Hospital where he was running a course and had to explain to its members he had been called away on an emergency.

He said he was treated like a criminal and spent hours in a cell and suffered the embarrassment of a swab being taken by a female nurse. The false allegations had damaged his business and reputation.

Tucker only withdrew her claim when police found the messages she had exchanged with Mr Williamson, including intimate photographs she sent and her invitation to go to her home.

Adrian Chaplin, for the defence, said Tucker had low intellectual and emotional intelligence and "gone into meltdown" when her partner, who she was due to marry shortly afterwards, saw Mr Williamson leaving her home.

He said: "She was upset and threatening self harm and having done one very foolish and selfish thing, she did another and made the false complaint."

The judge called Tucker into the witness box and asked her if she understood the damage she had done to the victim of her lies.

She said: "I am thoroughly sorry about what I did and if I could do something to help him I would. It was a stupid thing to do. He has not done nothing. I wish I could undo it.

"I know I have been selfish. I was trying to protect my family. I love my two children so much and I am worried when they grow up they are going to want to disown me for what I have done."

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