



Jail for woman who said her fiance raped her

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A WOMAN who lied to police, saying she had been raped by her fiance, has been jailed for four months.

Tina Amor, 32, of Ash Road, Aldershot, was sentenced at Winchester Crown Court on Friday after admitting perverting the course of justice at an earlier appearance.

The mother of five alleged she had been raped by her long-standing boyfriend Christopher Bridge on September 29 following a row — only to retract the statement the following day.

Megan Topliss, prosecuting, said Amor had claimed that Mr Bridge refused to stop during sexual intercourse when she asked him to because she was in pain.

Police launched an investigation following the allegation, which resulted in 15 hours of police time being wasted.

Mr Bridge also had to submit to a forensic examination and spent a night in custody. Miss Topliss told the court: "He (Mr Bridge) was arrested on the suspicion of rape. His reply to her claims was 'rubbish, I am engaged to her.'

"He admitted having sex with her but said it was with full consent. At no time did she remove consent."

Mr Bridge told police the couple rowed after Amor discovered he had slept with one of her friends.

Miss Topliss told the court Amor pulled out of a medical examination, asking to instead be taken home.

“By 11.20am (the next day) she was at the police station saying it was a big mistake,” she told the court.

Amor had said: “He did not rape me. We had a domestic.”

Miss Topliss said: “She admitted the allegations were false and malicious and understood how demeaning it would have been for Mr Bridge. She also realised how much money and resources were wasted.”

Jonathan Simpson, defending, accepted the offence warranted custody but asked Judge Guy Boney to take into account Amor’s personal circumstances and her decision to drop the claims at the earliest opportunity.

“She was very drunk and in a depressed state of mind at the time,” said Mr Simpson. “She has been the subject of violence at the hands of the alleged victim in this.

“In being knocked about herself, she reached breaking point. This was the only way of being sure of protecting herself.”

He also told the court Amor had “a tragic life of violence and sexual abuse against her”.

She has overcome drug addiction and is trying to deal with an alcohol problem.

Mr Simpson also said access to her children was limited.

He said: “They are all she has to live for. Given that Christmas is coming — a time when family bonds should be strongest but which is a time of sadness, when she is lowest on her part — I would hope any custodial sentence would return her to her children sooner rather than later.”

Sentencing, Judge Boney accepted Amor did not realise the severity of the offence at the time but insisted it was very serious for three reasons.

“First, you wasted valuable resources of police time,” he said. “Secondly, you did a great disservice by betraying the cause of women because you provided a clear example that there are women around like you prepared to settle an old score by making up such serious allegations, making it more difficult for women in rape trials to persuade a jury.

“And thirdly you created an appalling ordeal for your boyfriend, who had the stigma of rapist branded upon him.”

Sentencing her to the four-month term, he said her early withdrawal of the allegations saved her from a more substantial custodial sentence.

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