

## Nurse jailed for 22 months after falsely accusing her grandfather of raping her as a child in order to claim inheritance cash

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**Natalie Mortimer falsely claimed her grandfather raped her** (Image: NEWSLINE SCOTLAND)

A **NURSE** was jailed yesterday after falsely accusing her grandfather of rape – in a bid to get her inheritance money.

Natalie Mortimer told police she had been sexually abused by Gordon Ritchie over a two-year period when she was at primary school.

The 25-year-old from Aberdeen had previously learned she and her younger half-sister would both be entitled to a share of inheritance money from their grandfather.

But she fabricated the claims because she believed she would get all the cash if her grandad was sent to prison.

Jailing Mortimer, who pled guilty to wasting police time, for 22 months, Aberdeen sheriff Graeme Buchanan told her: "What you did to Mr Ritchie was truly evil and despicable."

Her false claims wasted 175 hours of police time at a cost of more than £3000, the court heard.

Mortimer lived with Gordon and his wife Margaret in July 2011 before moving to London, where she made the vile accusations to police the next year.

Her grandad used to be a foster carer, and children who had been under his care were questioned as part of the investigation.

But the truth eventually came out after Mortimer confessed to her mother, Susan Simpson, that she had made it all up.

Lynne Freeland, defending, said her client was jealous of her half-sister and has "huge emotional issues".

She added: "She is deeply ashamed ... but, sadly, she can't turn back time on this horrendous crime."

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