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They later retracted the complaint. Police said they fabricated the story thinking they could claim compensation from an insurance company.

The couple hugged one another as they left the court.

Only two weeks ago, a different judge of the same court imposed a four-month sentence on Irish tourist Annette Mangan, 22, for filing a complaint that she was gang-raped by three Irishmen. She retracted the statement under interrogation.

Mangan, a computer factory worker from Dublin, is now serving her sentence at a prison in Nicosia.

Her Greek Cypriot lawyers have filed a request for a remission of her sentence, seeking clemency from the Greek Cyprus attorney-general.

Should the request be granted, the attorney-general would recommend to Greek Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides that Mangan be pardoned.

"We are confident we will have an answer by the end of this week," one of Mangan's lawyers said.

The Famagusta district court, which has the southeastern resort town of Ayia Napa in its jurisdiction, is usually swamped with cases during the summer months involving tourists charged with making false claims.

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