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THE TRIAL of a Coventry family accused of beating and raping a young Pakistani bride following an arranged marriage has been dramatically halted after the prosecution said it would be offering no more evidence.

At a hearing at Coventry Crown Court yesterday, Judge Peter Carr instructed the jury to find the alleged victim's husband, mother-in-law and her three sisters-in-law not guilty of all charges before they were released.

The 25-year-old alleged victim moved to Coventry from Pakistan after an arranged marriage to a city man in 2004. She claimed she was beaten, raped and kept locked in a house in Chapelfields by her husband and his family for three years.

Her 26-year-old husband was charged with rape, assault, false imprisonment and threats to kill.

Her mother-in-law was charged with false imprisonment and assault and her sisters-in-law, aged 28, 19 and 16, were charged with assault and false imprisonment.

But following yesterday's hearing on day four of the trial, no further action will be taken against them.

Addressing the jury yesterday, prosecutor Simon Phillips said: "We have considered the state of the evidence of this case, as it stands, and in summary we take the view there is no realistic view of a conviction in light of the evidence. No further evidence will be offered."

In directing the jury Judge Peter Carr said: "The prosecution has a continuing duty to keep the evidence under review."

2 Comments

John Kimble said:

I'd guess she was just trying to stay in the country due to her visa expiring - well that's statistically the most likely cause without knowing the full facts.

No doubt the feminists will complain it is another rapist who got away regardless of the evidence.

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Chapelfield local said:

Mr Kimble,

Not the case here, but you sound like your stereo-typing!! - this family are well known for the trouble causing and once again our awful law strikes again!!!

the girl is better off in Pakistan with her family - i am sure she'd have stayed there if she'd known she was about to be thrown into a cage full of animals.

The fact that she was abused by 5 people and they got off is sickening!!!!

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