

Shame of Facebook mum who cried rape against old flame

Zoe Dennis, 26, of Sharston, began an affair with an ex after they met again on Facebook - but claimed she had been raped when her boyfriend became suspicious.

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Zoe Dennis falsely claimed that she had been attacked by ex-boyfriend Karl Taylor after being caught on the way back from a secret tryst with him.

A mum who was reunited with an old flame on Facebook lied that he had raped her – after being caught returning from a secret tryst with him.

Zoe Dennis, 26, claimed that she had been dragged off the street and attacked by Karl Taylor.

In reality she had been having an affair with Mr Taylor, an ex-boyfriend who she had met again on the social networking site.

She was rumbled when she was spotted by her partner on her way home from a liaison with Mr Taylor in Styal woods.

Dennis had told her partner she would be at a friend's house that afternoon and was on her way there after the clandestine meeting when she was spotted by him.

When confronted she concocted the rape story against Mr Taylor.

He was arrested the same day in front of his family - including his partner - and spent 20 hours in a cell.

He was also subjected to an intimate examination before finally being released on bail.

Last January, 10 weeks after she made the complaint, Dennis finally confessed that she had made up the whole story, and no further action was taken against Mr Taylor.

Dennis – of Boothfield Drive, Sharston – admitted trying to pervert the course of justice at Manchester Crown Court.

She was spared jail because she is eight months pregnant and has a history of emotional and psychological problems.

But handing her a suspended sentence, Judge Robert Atherton told the mum-of-two: "What you did was a dreadful thing to do."

He added that she had undermined the position of genuine rape victims. Mr Taylor, 33, who was at court to see Dennis sentenced, said his ordeal was 'torture'.

He added: "I was in custody for 20 hours, scared, terrified – I thought I was going to go to jail for something I hadn't done.

"I was thinking about the stigma that goes with rape in jail and the life I would have.

"It was awful – a man's worst nightmare. Being in a cell was mental torture. I live in a close community and I felt all around me people were whispering about me.

"I was scared to look out of my window in case my car or front door had been vandalised.

"I can't put into the words how much this had affected my life.

"I have completely ostracised myself from society. It's affected my relationship with my kids - I can't take them outside and do the things fathers do."

Katie Jones, defending, said Dennis' troubled background had left her with emotional and psychological difficulties that meant she was 'trapped in her lie'.

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