

Jailed: Woman who claimed she was kidnapped and raped after cheating on her boyfriend

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A woman who cheated on her boyfriend during a drunken night out has been jailed after claiming she had been kidnapped and raped.

Denise McGowan, 28, staggered home in the early morning to discover her boyfriend had called the police after she failed to return.

But instead of confessing to the one night stand, McGowan claimed she had been bundled into a car and raped.

Last night she was behind bars after she was sentenced to eight months in jail for lying to police and perverting the course of justice.

The jury at Minshull Street Crown Court in Manchester heard McGowan had spent the evening drinking heavily in pubs with her mother.

But the pair became separated and McGowan began walking home before stopping at a supermarket for some food and making her way to the flat of a friend, John O'Hara.

Kim Irving, prosecuting, said: "He confirmed that she attended between 3 and 4 that morning. He said she was very drunk, she ate her food and then left. But within 10 minutes she came back with two men - Richard Riley and Sonny Shockledge."

"John O'Hara said that the defendant seemed to be getting on well with Richard Riley and she asked if she could have a private talk with him. They went out into the hallway and then into the bathroom.



Denise McGowan was jailed last night for eight months for perverting the course of justice

"He said that from the noises he heard he came to the conclusion that the two were having sexual intercourse in the toilet."

When they came out of the bathroom everything seemed to be fine and McGowan, who did not appear to be distressed, left with the two men.

Miss Irving said: "She did not arrive home until 6.30am in the morning. Her partner was obviously very concerned and had called police looking for her. She told him she had been raped and he immediately called the police."

She told police she had been walking home when she bumped into Mr Shockledge and Mr Riley who bundled her into a car and drove her to a secluded area.

She claimed Mr Riley raped her and even took officers to the scene of the alleged attack and pointed it out to officers.

Mr Shockledge and Mr Riley were arrested by police and vehemently denied allegations of kidnap and rape on the 28-year-old.

Officers began investigating the allegations of rape and found that CCTV images supported Riley and Shockledge's claim they had met in the street.

When McGowan was questioned again she broke down in tears in front of officers and confessed she had made it all up.

The court heard the mother-of-one McGowan - who has since returned to Scotland - admitted perverting the course of justice in March last year.

Mark Rhind, defending, said: "This was not a pre-planned offence but something that occurred in drink on the spur of the moment. It is something that she partially admitted in police interview and later pleaded guilty to."

Judge Mushtaq Khokhar said: "You went back and I have no doubt that you had sexual intercourse with Richard Riley consenting to sexual intercourse in the bathroom by all accounts.

"You got home later than you were expected back, as a result of which your partner had called police.

"And you were told prior to seeing your boyfriend by a security guard that he wasn't very pleased with you. I accept that at that stage you told him you had been raped.

"But what about the the police who spent valuable time investigating this complaint? The offences are so serious that only a custodial sentence can be justified."

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