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Maid jailed over false rape claim

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A PREGNANT housemaid who falsely claimed to police that she had been raped has been jailed for a month.

The 35-year-old Sri Lankan woman lied to try to cover up the fact that she had been sneaking her Indian lover into her female Bahraini sponsor's Adliya home, the Lower Criminal Court heard.

She pleaded guilty to registering a false report of rape and of sneaking her lover into her sponsor's house without her permission.

Her 36-year-old sponsor became suspicious on March 1 this year, when she asked the maid to do some cleaning and she refused claiming she was not well.

"I went to her bedroom at 2pm and when I opened the door I found her talking to someone on her mobile phone," the sponsor told the police.

"I did not know that she had a mobile phone. I suspected that something was going on that was not right.

"I asked her to give me her phone, but she refused."

The sponsor said she searched the maid's room and found a pregnancy report, giving the results of a urine sample.

"I asked her if this was hers and she said no, but perhaps it belonged to the previous housemaid," said the employer.

"My housemaid appeared scared and tired, by the look on her face.

"She told me she has pain in her stomach and I told her we would take her to the hospital.

"We took her to the hospital the next day and the doctor asked her to give a sample of her urine for test. She gave them plain water instead and when we came home, she was laughing and told

us about it."

The sponsor said she was convinced the maid was pregnant and that she also hid the chip and battery from her mobile, so no one could check her calls.

When first questioned by police, the housemaid admitted being pregnant, but said that she had been raped by an Indian man who frequently visited her sponsor's home.

"One day he saw me sick and going to my bedroom. I did not close the door, because my sponsor told me to leave it open since I was sick and may need help," she told police.

"At 12.30am, I went to my bedroom and was surprised to see the Indian man entering my room.

"I believe that he jumped over the boundary wall of the house and came inside.

"He grabbed me and covered my mouth with his hand so that I could not scream and told me if I screamed he would kill me.

"I got scared and then he raped me. He told me not to tell anyone and then escaped.

She later gave a second statement to police, admitting that the rape claim was a lie and that the Indian man was her secret lover, who she had been sneaking into the house.

She will be deported after completion of sentence.

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