

Dundee woman to await sentence for false claim of rape

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A woman falsely claimed she had been raped after leaving a Dundee club, the sheriff court has heard.

Sarah Jack (22), Abernethy Road, previously admitted that on August 27 last year, at Abernethy Road and police headquarters, she falsely told police officers she had been a victim of rape.

She further admitted wasting police time, depriving the public of services and falsely accusing a man of rape.

The court heard she had told police she had been raped and had injuries to her legs, arms and head after leaving a nightclub with a man. The man was detained and police launched an investigation.

However, CCTV footage showed that the short period between Jack leaving the club and getting into a taxi made it impossible for her version of events to be true.

Solicitor Gary McIlravey said: "She put her hands up to this offence immediately."

Sheriff Alistair Duff said: "This is a terribly serious crime for a whole host of reasons. Firstly, it uses up police resources and, secondly, somebody ended up being suspected of a crime they didn't commit.

"The man must have had a hard time of it. The crime you complained about does happen to women and when someone falsely claims this, it undermines situations when it does really happen.

"This kind of crime can often attract a custodial sentence, but I take into account that you have a difficult background."

Sentence was deferred to December 18.

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