

11 MONTHS OF SEX WITH KINKY KILLER BY DJ RICHARD SKINNER Jury told of blackmail



AFFAIR: Top/DJ Richard Skinner



ON TRIAL: Maria Hnatiuk 'JEALOUS' LOVER: Ian Wells

TOP disc jockey Richard Skinner slept with kinky killer Maria Hnatiuk the day they met, a court heard yesterday.

Married Skinner, 41, admitted that the session was the start of a five-month affair. And he said he was later blackmailed by Hnatiuk's jealous new boyfriend, businessman Ian Wells.

The former BBC Radio 1 star told of his fling with Hnatiuk in a statement which was read out at Norwich Crown Court where she has admitted stabbing 18-year-old student Rachael Lean to death. Skinner said he met Hnatiuk in September 1990 while drinking in a pub in London's Marylebone.

Drinking

The DJ said: "After we finished drinking we went to her rented maisonette in Wandsworth and during that evening I had sexual intercourse with Maria."

The fling continued as "straight, normal sex" and, said Skinner, he paid for Hnatiuk to go with him on a business trip to Tokyo where they shared a hotel room.

The affair ended "for personal reasons" in February 1991.

Later, the DJ had a phone call from Wells who said: "I have a very serious allegation to put to you that you raped my girlfriend."

Skinner added: "He mentioned Maria's name and said that it wouldn't look good for me in the Press."

"I told him it was a load of rubbish and terminated the conversation."

Skinner said he moved to London's GLR station, then to Virgin Radio in early 1993.

He went to the police after Wells asked for money. Hnatiuk later admitted that the rape allegation was false, saying she had been put up to

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it by Wells. Hnatiuk, 29, stabbed her friend Rachael near RAF Coltishall in Norfolk in September last year.

She claims she was driven to kill by 32-year-old Wells who was jealous because Rachael had introduced her to other men.

Bisexual Hnatiuk, originally from Bristol, has told the court that Wells tried to make her arrange three-in-a-bed sex sessions involving other women.

But the jury heard yesterday she had threesomes before meeting Wells.

Hotel

Businessmen Carl Hutmacher and Andy Williams said in statements that they had three-in-a-bed sex with Hnatiuk at a hotel near Epping Forest in Essex.

Mr Hutmacher said: "On one occasion Andy rang her at Bristol and told her we were there. Within two hours she was with us."

Mr Williams told of the time Hnatiuk turned up at the hotel "out of the blue."

"Carl, Maria and myself ended up having sex together in a hotel room and she left in the morning," he said.

Hnatiuk denies murdering Rachael, but admits manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. The trial continues.