

Man jailed for making false drug-rape report



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Upset that he was not showered with enough attention by his partner, a man accused his boyfriend of drugging and raping him.

Indonesian Fredy Kosman Kwee, 34, called the 999 hotline three times, resulting in police officers being dispatched to a Housing Board flat in West Coast Road based on the false information about his partner.

For making a false police report, the Singapore permanent resident was sentenced to five days' jail yesterday.

The court heard that on Jan 2, Kwee, a fast-food employee, called the emergency hotline at around 6.15pm, claiming there was a fight going on in a unit at Block 702 West Coast Road.

Within 30 minutes of the first call, Kwee called 999 twice more and asked for more police officers to be dispatched to the location, alleging that someone had tried to drug and rape him.

At 9.15pm, Kwee told Senior Staff Sergeant Loh Chee Wee from Clementi Police Division Headquarters that he had been drugged and raped by his partner, Mr Lui Cheng Kiat, 50.

He claimed Mr Lui had covered him with a pillow case, pinned him down and forced him a pill while he was sleeping, causing him to lose consciousness.

Kwee falsely asserted that he had felt giddy when he regained consciousness at around 4.30pm, Deputy Public Prosecutor Seah Ee Wei told the court.

As a result of Kwee's statement, the police officer began investigating Mr Lui for offences under the Penal Code and the Misuse of Drugs Act, which Mr Lui denied during interviews.

When the police officer checked CCTV footage of the vicinity, he found that Mr Lui had not entered the flat in the afternoon, contrary to Kwee's allegations.

When the police officer told Kwee about this, the latter maintained that Mr Lui had indeed drugged and raped him.

He later retracted his statement and admitted to lying about the allegations only when Senior Staff Sgt Loh told him that another officer from the Specialised Crime Branch would arrive soon to interview him.

Kwee said he had given false information because he was stressed about being diagnosed with a life-threatening condition and felt that Mr Lui was not showering him with enough attention.

Yesterday, Kwee's lawyer Malcolm Tan urged the court to either impose a fine or a very short jail term of one day and a fine of \$2,000.

Mr Tan told District Judge Marvin Bay that his client had been suffering from amphetamine-induced psychosis at the time of the offences, which led to a confused state of mind even after he was arrested.

Kwee, who was previously convicted for consuming the drug Ice in 2016, has also stopped abusing drugs with Mr Lui's support, said Mr Tan. The couple has reconciled after the incident.

In his sentencing remarks, the judge said Kwee should realise that offences of this nature are taken "very seriously", as there can be dire consequences from false reports of sexual and drug-related crimes.

"In such cases, there is every chance that the unwitting and completely innocent victim would have been arrested and held in remand while investigations were under way," he said, adding that it was fortunate that the CCTV footage had exposed Kwee's allegations to be fabrications.

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