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Oxford lawyer given life sentence after falsely claiming she was raped



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Woman given life sentence after plotting to stage her own kidnap and lying that she was raped

A WOMAN barrister who cried rape in a plot to frame her lover after she discovered he was married has been given a life sentence.

Oxford lawyer Anisah Ahmed set up an 'evil' campaign of lies, falsely claiming she was raped as well as staging her own kidnapping and stabbing, a judge heard this morning.

The twisted plot began in 2014 when qualified barrister Ahmed, of Wilkins Road, Cowley, found out her lover, fellow barrister Iqbal Mohammed, was married.

Sitting at Oxford Crown Court, Judge Michael Gledhill QC said: "It appears that Ahmed had no idea that Mohammed was married.

"When she found out, she felt utterly betrayed and took her revenge by putting into effect a comprehensive and orchestrated plan to destroy him – both professionally and personally."

The court heard how the sophisticated campaign of ruin began when the 33-year-old barrister sent intimate messages of their affair to the victim's wife and his colleagues, before emailing his Head of Chambers demanding an investigation into his integrity.

Her scorn then took a more sinister turn when she created fake emails to support her false claims which made it look like they were sent by the victim threatening her, amounting to 'blackmail'.

The victim Mr Mohammed was publicly arrested at his barrister chambers before he was taken to a police station and locked in a cell for seven hours, the judge heard.

After Mr Mohammed's chambers instructed IT experts to search the chambers' computers, they discovered that the email evidence had been falsified and police arrested Ahmed for harassment.

She later admitted that she had created the fake emails but persisted in the lie that Mohammed was still harassing her.

When it was decided to prosecute Ahmed for harassment, far from stopping her campaign of destruction - she escalated it.

Judge Gledhill QC said: "As a barrister, Ahmed was well aware of the gravity of what she had done and the potential consequences to herself.

"In order to avoid such consequences, her strategy then took an even more sinister turn.

"She made another attempt to frame Mr Mohammed for a serious criminal offence.

"She reported that he had raped her on several occasions. Her complaint was detailed and convincing, even though it was completely false.

"Her purpose was twofold – revenge and to divert the police attention away from herself and back onto Mr Mohammed. In the short term it worked. Mr Mohammed was again arrested and interviewed.

"The effect on Mr Mohammed can hardly be over-stated. He saw his career, livelihood and family life disintegrating before his eyes, he even thought of taking his own life."

Chillingly, Ahmed's malice and wrath did not stop with the rape allegations. Instead, she set up fake email accounts in the victim's name, using them to send herself threatening emails.

Similarly, she persuaded people in Birmingham to constantly phone her, supporting her fake allegation that Mr Mohammed was harassing her.

The judge heard that it was discovered that although Ahmed reported she had received threatening phone calls from Mr Mohammed, in reality she had convinced her former boyfriend, Mustafa Hussain, into buying a phone in the victim's name.

The court heard how 34-year-old Hussain, who stood in court to be sentenced for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, was bombarded with texts and calls asking him to help Ahmed get a man who had wronged her and was getting her unfairly prosecuted, arrested.

Prosecuting counsel Iestyn Morgan told Judge Gledhill: "It was a complex and baroque conspiracy to convince the police that Mr Mohammed was pursuing her, threatening her, arranging others to threaten her, threatening to kill her and inflict really serious violence on her."

As her harassment trial approached, Ahmed became increasingly desperate and hatched a plan to stage her own kidnapping and stabbing. She thought that the trial would be derailed if the police thought that she had been attacked by Mr Mohammed, the court heard.

Manipulative Ahmed told Hussain that if he would not stab her, then she would have to stab herself.

She said: "This is the only way out of this sh*t – do it for love."

Having planned the attack with precision, she told Hussain to stab her three times and that she was to be attacked in the driver's seat of her car from outside the driver's door.

On July 12, 2015, the police received an emergency call to attend a seriously injured woman in a car parked on the side of a road. She had a 'horrific' wound to her thigh.

She was able to give a detailed account of what had happened, saying that she had been stopped by another car, ordered to get out of the car, whereupon she was stabbed in the leg by a man.

In the back of the ambulance, she deliberately said the victim's name, accusing him of kidnapping her and slashing her leg.

Judge Gledhill QC said: "Even while injured, Ahmed did not stop her campaign against Mr Mohammed.

"She persuaded people to message her. Someone pretending to be an accomplice to the kidnap and stabbing, sent her letters, threatening her and warning her to withdraw her statements. There was even sent a letter from someone confessing to have stabbed her on the instructions of Iqbal."

In her final attempt, Ahmed once again convinced Hussain to deliver a threatening letter to her house.

Hussain was duly arrested and, although he said he was acting on behalf of Mohammed, he was not convincing and officers discovered that there was a conspiracy to pervert the course of public justice.

Despite Hussain admitting conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, Ahmed painted herself as the victim which she maintained in court.

Mitigating, her defence counsel Balraj Bhatia QC said: "She is just a few days away from her 34th birthday...she is clearly a manipulative woman.

"She has an inability to cope with rejection and feelings of betrayal but it is likely this behaviour is a coping mechanism as a result of her diagnosis of emotionally unstable personality disorder.

"Her being jilted during the course of her relationship with Iqbal Mohammed, was a trigger. It is very much like the young child who cried wolf, she is now a woman who was driven to concoct false allegations of rape and has been found out. She has made herself vulnerable to future abuse."

The barrister explained how Ahmed had been a qualified lawyer before the conviction which will stop her from any career in law in the future.

He said: "She has lost her career, she approached her studies fastidiously and meticulously. They lived in a family home, her books for a significant period of time had simply invaded the dining room table, they stayed there while she studied pursuing a career in law.

"She stayed up night after night and condensed a two year course into just a year. She qualified, a cause of great celebration and joy. Nothing is worse than when a gift is given and then cruelly taken away, she has to live with that.

"A career she wanted to forge in law that will no longer be possible given this conviction. She has tried to come to terms with it by seeking solace in her religion, she prays five times a day. This has brought great shame on her and her well thought-of Muslim family."

Wearing a religious head dress, Ahmed, was given a 'discretionary' life sentence with a minimum term of four years, six months and 10 days.

In his sentencing remarks, Judge Gledhill said: "This case clearly involved very careful planning to destroy the personal and professional life of the victim. The lengths you went to, to exact revenge on Mr Mohammed were almost beyond belief.

"Your actions, Ms Ahmed, were malicious, even evil. You persisted with them over prolonged period of time and you recruited Hussain and others to assist you.

"False allegations can have dreadful consequences on an innocent person who has committed no crime. Being wrongly accused of harassment is serious enough. But accusing him of rape is in quite another category."

Co-defendant Hussain, from Slough, was given a two year prison sentence suspended for two years. He will have to undertake 150 hours unpaid work, eight RAR days and pay £2,000 towards the prosecution costs.

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How about 'lawyer' in their headline!!

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pete j 20th April 01:52 pm
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This is another example of false claims may by some women! Maybe it explains why (according to them) there is a low rate of prosecution for rapes. Some think that they can ruin somebodys life just by making an allegation which is not true and then do not expect to receive any punishment themselves when they get found out. This sentence is fully justified, and hopefully a deterrent to other women thinking of making false claims!!

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'according to them'? Seriously? Are you trying to deny that there is a low rate of prosecution for rape? Wow. Yes, this woman is clearly in the wrong and has been sentenced as such, but to try and turn this into a tirade against women (because that is what it seems you have done) is outrageous.

Some women act badly, as do some men. However, I can guarantee that there are more men who get away with rape than there are women who make false accusations.

In fact, having just looked it up "Research for the Home Office suggests that only 4% of cases of sexual violence reported to the UK police are found or suspected to be false'. 'Only 5.7% of reported rape cases ending in a conviction for the perpetrator' - it doesn't mean the woman has made a false claim.

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Roy Rover 20th April 03:18 pm
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Almost like the tirade against men after a POLICE OFFICER did a disgusting act, but that was ok to tarnish all men, because you know, its men, thats ok, thats acceptable

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HomerSimpsonDohDohDoh. 20th April 03:34 pm

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You can not guarantee anything, you have made that up and that makes your defence of women Invalid.

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Are you serious? Many rapes are not reported because many women don't want their sexual history held in court to be inspected and judged upon. Did you see her phone? Four lovers in one week? Tut. Tut. And so on. Because it's never the man is it.

D Hibbert 20th April 01:57 pm

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Anybody making false allegations and claims of rape should receive a minimum of 10 years in prison and have their name on a public register. It's the only way we will get rid of all these false claims.

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LadyJ 20th April 03:20 pm

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Yes. I agree

front man 20th April 02:07 pm

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This shows why the police and public should not take allegations of rape at face value and should not automatically be believed. The "offenders" names should certainly not be made public until they are found guilty and that should be done with a very thorough investigation. If they are found to be false allegations then the person making them should be prosecuted, receive a lengthy prison sentence and be made to pay compensation to the victim. A lot of these false allegations are made due to jealousy or revenge.

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Oxywell27 20th April 02:12 pm

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There's an Australian TV show called Rake, fantastic viewing about a somewhat brilliant but also slightly corrupt Sydney Barrister

This is something I'd expect Klever Greene to have tried to pull off

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OI am woman!

Snes64delete 20th April 02:59 pm

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That guy comes across as a real smug person, I wonder how many other women he led down the garden path ?hat guys wife is probably still shackled up with him and he will no doubt carry on doing what he's doing.

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Oxford76 20th April 03:08 pm

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A ridiculously soft sentence for this vile woman who did all this, because the bloke she was sleeping with was married.

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Oxford76 wrote: A ridiculously soft sentence for this vile woman who did all this, because the bloke she was sleeping with was married.

Prob because of being Muslim had something to do with it.

Roy Rover 20th April 03:16 pm

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The fact, according to the Home Office, who I would hope know about these things, is that just 4% of accusations are false. Compare that to the fact that only 5.7% of reported cases get a conviction and you can clearly see that women get the rougher end of the stick. Think about it - this is just cases that are reported - there will be thousands of women who don't bother to report a case of rape because they know damned well that there's no point because it'll go unpunished.

Roy Rover 20th April 03:37 pm

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The problem we have is that a system is being pushed that says "we will believe you". Now if everyone in the world was honest and full of integrity that would be great, but sadly we aren't in that world and people abuse systems.

I am not trying to push an agenda that makes women reporting such crimes difficult or to be made to feel any further negative emotions, but we must have protections in place for those disgusting individuals that look to abuse a policy, such as this woman.

A starter for 10 would be to ensure anonymity is provided to all until a conviction has been established. If names need to be realised this should be done on a case by case basis with, but the default line being anonymity.

Secondly, if a case is not prosecuted then that man's DNA, record, and picture should be removed of the police database, as that is still often used in family courts dispute no guilt being established and that is wrong. Not to mention jobs that require DBS checks etc

Balance is needed

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jonathan_r 20th April 04:10 pm

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That's 4% of accusations false, 5.7% true, and 90.3% not proven one way or the other. The sad fact is that rape is a difficult offence to prove, and unfortunately will remain that way unless some sort of consent form is introduced (which would itself be open to abuse, and will never happen anyway). I hate the idea of scumbags getting away with sex offences, but at the same time, I hate the idea of someone's life being ruined by false allegations. I can't see an easy solution that would reduce that 90.3%.

kensyd.kb 20th April 06:02 pm

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What sad comments.

I do not excuse her actions but she obviously needs help. She won't get that in prison.

And what about the man cheating on his wife and family.

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Classic bunny boiler.

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