

## **Teenager falsely accused neighbour of rape**

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A teenager falsely accused a neighbour of trying to rape her after she repeatedly stabbed him.

Jodie Wilks saw 42-year-old Allen Calvert as "a father figure" and went round to his home for a chat, Worcester Crown Court heard.

But he challenged her over an open drawer where he kept his money after returning from making cups of tea in his kitchen.

Wilks hit him on the temple with a screwdriver and stabbed him twice in the neck, said Adam Western, prosecuting.

She also picked up an artist's knife from a table and stabbed him in his right knee and both hands, before he overpowered her.

Arrested later the same day by police, the former heroin and crack cocaine addict denied taking the victim's wallet and insisted she had not gone round to steal.

Judge John Cavell told 18-year-old Wilks, of St Andrew's Road, Pershore, the false rape bid complaint was "disappointing" but freed her from custody on condition she take part in West Mercia Police's intensive control and change programme.

She will be subject to a curfew for 12 weeks, electronic tagging and police surveillance.

The judge also passed a 12 month community rehabilitation order and sentenced her to 100 hours of unpaid work.

He said the penalties would benefit the public after hearing how Wilks had already spent the equivalent of eight months locked up on remand.

Wilks, who pleaded guilty to wounding Mr Calvert at his flat on March 26, had seven previous convictions for assault.

Defence counsel Tim Sapwell said she had suffered the "terrible loss" of her father and had a disturbed upbringing.

She fell into bad company, got hooked on drug abuse and became depressed.

Mr Sapwell said: "She saw the victim as a father figure, someone she could turn to and talk about things."

She had now tested negative eight times for drugs and was motivated to change her life.

Mr Calvert, whom she had known 12 months, had superficial rather than deep wounds.

The judge said he could seek compensation in the civil courts.

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