

# Vandal cried 'rape'

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## Man began shouting when confronted by woman

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**A SHOCKED** Kilwinning woman called the police when the man she caught vandalising her car started shouting accusations that she had raped him.

The woman followed 57-year-old John Stevenson, who has severe learning difficulties, after she noticed him ripping off her car windscreen in a drunken stunt.



**'RAPE' SHOUT:** District Court of Irvine.

But when she asked him to pay for the damage he began shouting abuse in her face, claiming she was stalking him and had sexually assaulted and raped him the previous week.

Procurator Fiscal Jennifer Morris explained how Stevenson, of Kilwinning's Woodmill, prompted a chase at the incident in Almswall Road.

*She said: "It was 5.30pm when the accused passed by the car owner's window and she saw him pull the rear windscreen wiper from the window. She started banging on the window and ran down the street and asked would he pay the £40 for the damage. He said he didn't know what she was talking about and shouted at her then walked away."*

But the owner of the vandalised car decided to keep up with Stevenson, whose is usually looked after by his brother, and so she trailed him into Kilwinning where one of her friends who was out walking his dog noticed she was upset.

Meanwhile, as the woman told her friend what had happened, Stevenson started shouting.

*The Fiscal explained: "The accused shouted at her and said she was stalking him - and said she had sexually assaulted and raped him the previous week."*

"She was shocked by what he said and frightened because he put his face up at hers when he was shouting."

Mr Stevenson's defence lawyer said that although his client was considered able to plead at Irvine's District Court, his severe learning difficulties combined with alcohol were to blame for the crimes which he admitted committing on October 17.

Stevenson was fined a £100 for charges of breach of the peace and vandalism.