

LIAM ALLAN CASE

Innocent student Liam Allan's two years of torment

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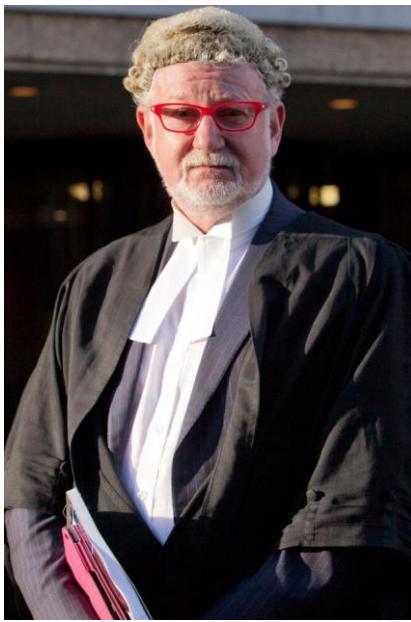


Liam Allan was charged with six rapes and six sexual assaults

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Liam Allan had planned initially to take a law degree but later decided to study criminology because he was interested in the wider aspects of the criminal justice system.

Four months into his course at Greenwich University the 19-year-old student from Beckenham, south London, who had never been in trouble with the police, was to get a brutal lesson in the failures that can lead to innocent people being convicted. He was warned he faced up to 20 years in jail after a woman he had previously known, who cannot be identified, accused him of a series of brutal rapes and sex assaults over a 14-month period.



Jerry Hayes, the prosecuting barrister in the case, delivered an apology to the court
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He turned for help to a local solicitors' office where he had completed work experience and relied on the police investigation to collect the evidence. He was cleared of all charges yesterday when it was revealed that detectives had failed to reveal evidence from the woman's telephone that proved his innocence.

"I can't explain the mental torture of the past two years," he said. "You are all on your own. I could not talk to my mother about the details of the case because she might have been called as a witness, I couldn't talk with my friends because they might have been called."

"I felt completely isolated at every stage of the process. I feel betrayed by the system which I had believed would do the right thing, the system I want to work in."

"I couldn't go out there and get the evidence to show I am innocent — I relied on the police to do that. I didn't know they had [the complainant's] telephone records. I assumed they must have been deleted."

After his arrest Mr Allan was allowed to continue his degree course but he was suspended for two months from his part-time job in the retail sector, which funds his studies. "I told everyone what had happened," he said. "I knew I had not done anything wrong."

For 14 months there was no news. Then in March police told him he was being charged with six rapes, three assaults by penetration and three sexual assaults.

There was the fear of prison but also an overwhelming sense of powerlessness and the belief that he would let down his family and friends.

"I am a strong person but prison is not something I could cope with. It would not be a normal prison, I would be placed with sex offenders," Mr Allan said. "I kept thinking about what would happen to my mum if I went away, what would happen to my flatmates who would have to pay all the rent on their own. I am the person they all turn to for support but I would not have been around." He said he feared there had been an "over-compensation" by police and prosecutors for failures in the past to

investigate and charge celebrity sex offenders. “Because of mistakes in the past they seem to want to do everything you can to get a conviction. Conviction rates have become like sales targets.

“The view seems to be to charge everyone and then if they are found not guilty it is the jury’s fault, the public’s fault.” His mother, Lorraine Allan, said outside court yesterday: “The jury would have expected that they would have been told of anything significant. It would have been Liam’s word against hers. I knew the truth.”

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The accused needs to be protected with privacy until the case is in court then the victim's name also needs to come out. It must not be possible to wreck the accused life on the basis of accusations alone.

If the accused is found guilty then he/she will carry that with them for their whole life. If the accuser is a liar they do not suffer. This also must be changed.

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Mabelino Dec 16, 2017

Don't worry. In this case, the accuser by virtue of everyone around her knowing exactly who she is, will not be getting away with it. Her friends her family, jury, public in the gallery, the media, her neighbours know exactly who she is and where she lives. She may be forced to move again and again

to protect her anonymity. It will always catch up with her and she'll never be allowed to forget her deeds! It will be her sentence.

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Alan Harris Dec 16, 2017

@Clear Day

I do not believe that I am vindictive but there is a need for the public to see that both sexes are treated equally. This means that the accuser must be disclosed publicly. It may well be that she also should be liable to compensate Liam for the effects of her false accusations.

There is a lobby which argues that accusers need to be protected while the accused is out there while the police seek other accusers to assist in their prosecution (fishing for witnesses). I think that that approach is inequitable.

Personal relationships are very sensitive and this area where forensic evidence is often not available and whether the victim said no or not is not verifiable makes this a very difficult crime to prosecute.

Whilst I am sympathetic with the victims of rape I am as sympathetic with the accused in cases where the accusation is untrue. There is a need for any protocols about believing the victim should be replaced with personal judgement by experienced and competent police officers (or even someone not directly involved perhaps a judge in chambers who would not hear the case if it went to court)

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C.G. Portocale Dec 15, 2017

Where has my comment gone? Clear concise and recommended, now deleted. Not sure why.

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Bagpuss Dec 15, 2017

Never trust the police. He should sue the police sue the woman and get her name into the open.

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Peter Burch Dec 21, 2017

@Bagpuss Is this what British Justice has been reduced to? A shabby set-up that has, at the very least, terribly fractured Liam Allan and his family's lives. Time to reveal the name of the accuser and for her and the Police to be mercilessly sued. They have behaved despicably!

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OldManDJ Dec 15, 2017

Until there has been a proper inquiry into the reasons why this situation arose no one should be demanding sackings. It has been suggested that the reason lay in the fact that the police had too much work to do. The cause may be a failure by the officers immediately concerned, by their superiors who ordered them on to other jobs or that no one has time to do any job properly because there are not enough policemen. The fault could lie anywhere from a harassed overworked Detective Constable to the Home Secretary.

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Ed R Dec 15, 2017

This case makes me think of the recent brouhaha there has been about privately run forensic science services. The two are connected because digital evidence is akin to forensic evidence in many ways. Its gathering requires time, competence and integrity. Maybe we'll hear more about this, or maybe not. Through lack of competence or money or sheer deceitfulness many prosecutions have been compromised to the point where innocent people suffer dreadful experiences, and a rash of appeals has now rightly appeared on the skin of the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. Heads should roll.

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Mrs Sarah Rees Dec 15, 2017

Failing to divulge evidence which would exonerate the accused should surely be punishable with the same force as withholding evidence that would convict the accused.

When do we see these policemen in court?

And when do we see this poor lads accuser in court too ..Surely one cannot make spurious accusations of this degree and remain both anonymous and unpunished..it just offers the malicious a free option to cause chaos and misery.

A short apology to the court isn't going to repair the damage done by this dotty woman.

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John OConnor Dec 15, 2017

@Mrs Sarah Rees I hope that he is compensated handsomely for the turmoil and trauma that he has suffered. His mother should also be compensated.

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John Newbery Dec 15, 2017

What about a charge of wasting Police Time ?

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Ray Whitehouse Dec 15, 2017

I have been losing faith in our police force, especially the met. for quite a time now. This is just another example of gross police incompetence. In this case though I hope the police issue a groveling apology quickly rather than wait for it to be forced out of them by parliament which is the norm.

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Bryan Dale Dec 15, 2017

Surely this is a grave miscarriage of justice. How could this man be found not guilty when we are repeatedly told that we must #believerher?

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Hugh Smith Dec 15, 2017

The officer in charge should be on criminal charges of withholding evidence in a criminal trial.

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"I felt completely isolated at every stage of the process. I feel betrayed by the system which I had believed would do the right thing, the system I want to work in."

We can only imagine the mental torture that Liam has been through. Have the police who were involved got even a morsel of compassion? They would have allowed an innocent man to go to jail for twenty years just to get a conviction.

Disgusting behaviour.

We will probably hear from the police with sickening statements such as "we will learn lessons from this so that it will not happen again. Yeah, pull another one.

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Raidon Dec 15, 2017

I find it bizarre that his name is splashed all over the news and the lady in question gets total anonymity through out these proceedings even now , when clearly from what has been disclosed , she was a complete liar.

Will she now be prosecuted for nearly ruining someones life.

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John OConnor Dec 15, 2017

@Raidon Not alone is she a liar, but a malicious liar. She should be prosecuted.

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Mark Roberts Dec 15, 2017

Do 33mph in a 30 limit, and expect the full force of the law to descend upon you. Waste hundreds of hours of police time and almost ruin someone's life, and get off scott free!

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Rich F Dec 15, 2017

Am I alone in feeling the world expects me to feel slightly ashamed of being a man at the moment? The Weinstins, rape, harrassment, non-equal pay, Trump - they are all despicable and must be tackled. But for the (I hope!) overwhelming majority of men not engaging in these things and loving and loved by the womenfolk and society around us, it would be good to hear a few more positive voices. And perhaps if there was a more proportionate environment, we might have more chance of avoiding horrendous cases like this.

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john barker Dec 15, 2017

The views of women on this outrage seem few and far between.

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John OConnor Dec 15, 2017

@john barker Indeed. Why indeed can more women not support this innocent man with supportive comment and also condemn the actions of the malicious woman who has caused so much torment and turmoil to this man and his family.

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Lisa Sanderson Dec 16, 2017

I absolutely agree, John. I also think that it could get to the stage where rape and sexual assault are so easy to 'prove,' that there is a grave danger of wrongful convictions. In this case, I am horrified by the negligence of the police and the suffering of this poor man.

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Rebecca Bartleet Dec 16, 2017

@john barker

In terms of the commentariat, you are right. However, go to the most recommended here, and you will see quite a few comments from women there. Many of us are mothers of young men, and are seriously worried about the direction towards which sexual politics are dragging us. I have no desire to see a world where all men are predators and all women are victims.

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Ian Lumsden Dec 15, 2017

They just covered it.

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Jonathan Gumery Dec 15, 2017

I hope the officers involved loose there jobs.

Probably not.

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Bob N Dec 15, 2017

Why can't the woman be named? The man has and now has to live with the stigma for years to come. I hope he sues the police for a lot of money.

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Saint John Dec 15, 2017

Two years on bail ?

This needs to be reviewed. There needs to a time limit for keeping a defendant waiting . Six months max. Either try them or drop it .

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Andy Webb Dec 15, 2017

The fact that the woman can't be named shows what an ass the law can be.....the fact that the police withheld evidence trying to secure a false conviction, shows what an ass the police can be.

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Alison Dow Dec 15, 2017

@Andy Webb

And the fact that he HAS been named... if there is to be anonymity it must be for both sides.

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Iain Sanders Dec 15, 2017

It's a pity the judge couldn't have found that copper in contempt of court & jailed him immediately. Perhaps out after making grovelling apologies all-round, but after a punitive few days/weeks.

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Chris Payne Dec 15, 2017

The accuser has clearly lied. This young man could of had his life completely ruined instead it was just 2 years. The mental torture and fear unimaginable. The law needs to be changed immediately. The accuser must be named and put on trial with a possible prison sentence comparable with this 10 plus year sentence. The people who claim that this will stop people coming forward to report real rape are on the wrong side of equity. You cannot have a system where false accusations are allowed to go unpunished severely and accept that in cases like this the young man is almost collateral damage or a price worth paying.

This is an outrageous case and senior heads and junior heads should roll.

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Home truth Dec 15, 2017

Now he has been proved innocent, the woman should be named. No doubt about it, as well as being prosecuted.

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Richard Linsell Dec 15, 2017

I like his career choice - Criminology - but what a dreadful encounter with our legal process.

I hope a publishing house has already spotted the scope for a real life “best seller” here and will pay Mr Allan a handsome advance to write it. I also hope the book names the woman. I for one will help “crowd fund” the legal costs if she ever dared to complain. The book would hopefully be a catalyst to change the CPS, police and the law.

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Peter Iden Dec 15, 2017

If one woman was treated as brutally by the system as the men who are victims of false claims, Parliament would demand anonymity for women until a guilty verdict. Why has the woman who made this allegation not been named and prosecuted.

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BMP Dec 15, 2017

@Peter Iden

As a woman, I agree with you.

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Bishop Jonathan Blake Dec 15, 2017

Surely Liam Allan's accuser should be charged? His mother voiced the public expectation that the jury would be told everything that was relevant. Unfortunately this is not the case. The court process is so heavily controlled by the system, often in secret, that much evidence and information is withheld from the jury, jeopardising any confidence we can have in their decisions. That a person can knowingly falsely accuse another, while all the time being aware of evidence that is being withheld, provides the basis for a charge of perverting the course of justice. Liam Allan's accuser must be held to account.

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Anip Dec 15, 2017

Bless you and your family and friends Mr Allen. The truth is out now. I wish you and yours a brilliant Christmas and know that justice will be yours soon.

People will have to pay for this. The accuser, the met police and Alison Saunders and her CPS crew.

Good Luck for the future.

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Richard Mutt Dec 15, 2017

What were the messages?

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Rebecca Bartleet Dec 15, 2017

As the mother of a nineteen year old son, I am absolutely horrified by this case.

Britain used to boast that our police were the best in the world, and I still hear people say ‘If you haven’t done anything wrong, you don’t need to be afraid of the police’, yet in reality this trust seems to be completely misplaced these days.

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judy ludlow Dec 15, 2017

what is going to be done about the woman's lies?

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Joe Public Dec 15, 2017

@judy ludlow Nothing, unfortunately.

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Cynthia McNair Dec 15, 2017

@judy ludlow she should be prosecuted and named. I feel so sorry for this young man and what he's been through.

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Graeme Whitehouse Dec 15, 2017

I don't know all the facts behind this case and most of the comments below are calling for the accuser to now be named. However as the judge said if the police and cps had investigated the case more diligently then it would never had got to court in the first place and this lady would not now be in the dock of public opinion.

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Peter Dawe Dec 15, 2017

@Graeme Whitehouse If the police had done their job properly, the case would have been thrown out at an early stage. The fact remains, however, that this "lady" told a tissue of lies with the intention of destroying Liam Allan's life. It seems to me that justice requires her to be named and punished.

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PSatCC Dec 15, 2017

@Graeme Whitehouse Frankly as she knew that she was making deliberately false allegations which could result in effectively crippling a young mans life she should be in the real Dock (of the Court) - not just the dock of public opinion. Clearly she should be prosecuted for attempting to pervert the course of justice; and if she had already given evidence in Court - perjury. Then surely her name will automatically be in the Public Domain.

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Ms Elizabeth Keith Dec 15, 2017

@Graeme Whitehouse' this lady would not now be in the dock of public opinion.'. Well, a) she's certainly no lady and b) why shouldn't she be castigated in public? She has done a most dreadful thing and now seems to be getting away scot-free. Have you no sympathy at all for the young man involved?

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Neil Barrett Dec 15, 2017

@Ms Elizabeth Keith @Graeme Whitehouse The people she's done the most damage to are those women who have really suffered rape.

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Bob Dylan's other Grandmother Dec 15, 2017

A terrible case, and a fortunate avoidance of a miscarriage of justice.

Let us now consider those who are convicted following similar accusations without there being phone records that disprove the claims of rape. Logic tells us there must be others serving the 10 year sentence that this chap narrowly escaped.

How confident can we now be in our Police and in our justice system?

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Ian Lumsden Dec 15, 2017

I wonder if the politically correct BBC will give prominence to this case in their coverage? They haven't so far.

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Joe Public Dec 15, 2017

@Ian Lumsden Probably not as there are no Tories involved.

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LLE Dec 15, 2017

@Ian Lumsden

No mention of it in the graun either *rolls eyes*

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Katharine Poolan Dec 15, 2017

A system of prosecution for false allegations needs to be put in place. The damage to this young man's life is already irreversible despite being found to be innocent of all charges

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Innominatus Dec 15, 2017

What is the accuser's right to anonymity when a proven false allegation leading to a significant sentence has been made? If there is no consequence to false allegations then they will happily continue as in this case as acts of revenge.

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Andrew Davies Dec 15, 2017

Surely if the guy faced a possible 20 years in jail, his accuser should face trial for knowingly falsely accusing him and if absolute justice and fairness is to be part of our justice system she too if found guilty should likewise face potentially 20 years? This is awful.

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PSatCC Dec 15, 2017

@Andrew Davies This was the mechanism used by the Lion's Head system of accusation in Medieval Venice.... and it proved a very effective method of control

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Andrew Davies Dec 15, 2017

@PSatCC @Andrew Davies Really? Don't tell me - was it Berlusconi who changed it ? :)

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ThePipster Dec 15, 2017

@Innominatus - absolutely right! Time we had a mandatory prosecution automatically activated when false allegations are established. Protecting her identity is a disgrace. She should be exposed.

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John Kirby Dec 15, 2017

"post-truth" era. I doubt the Met are remotely interested in truth. It's performance that governs pay and promotion, not truth.

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jung woo Dec 15, 2017

She should be prosecuted for false accusation. where is the justice!!

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Richard Stout Dec 16, 2017

@jung woo

Justice evapourated with the mantra of "believe the victim" and allowing women to make anonymous accusations where sexual history is irrelevant. In our new P.C. world, allegations against men are the new evidence, accusation the new guilty.

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Paul Tucker Dec 15, 2017

Good luck to this fine young man. Hopefully he emerges stronger and can pursue his studies to great success. I can't imagine going through that at his age - or any. The presumption of innocence clearly fails in cases like this, where the court of public opinion has already enjoyed 2 years to form an opinion. Let's hope he can put this behind him and that we find a balanced way to bring his accuser to justice without deterring the genuine cases the law seeks to protect. If the facts are as they are presented here though, this woman has to be named - surely it's in the public interest (not least to warn any future partners to stay very clear).

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LOL Dec 15, 2017

" a woman he had previously known, who cannot be identified, accused him of a series of brutal rapes and sex assaults over a 14-month period."

Did the police and the CPS not think it strange that the accuser did not report the first rape and continued to have a relationship with her "rapist" over a period of 14 months during which the offence was committed a further 5 times in addition to 6 further sexual assaults? All this leads me to have serious doubts concerning the intelligence/integrity of the Met Police and the CPS. It seems to me that this prosecution was brought in order to fulfil a quota.

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John Kirby Dec 15, 2017

@LOL Absolutely. The only alternative can be complete stupidity, not to ask the obvious questions which you pose. Hang on though . . .

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Richard Stout Dec 16, 2017

@LOL

Logic and evidence do not apply to police or CPS driven by politically correct targets of convicting men accused of gender-based crimes.

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Michael Woolley Dec 15, 2017

Surely the police will now prosecute this unnamed woman for perjury and wasting police time?

Perhaps we will also hear from the "Metoo" brigade?

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SARAH Dec 15, 2017

The accuser MUST be named now. There is simply no reason why she cannot. Laws need to be revised. That someone can act with such malice and go through with a court case whereby the accused would spend 20 years in prison, cannot go unpunished and remain anonymous.

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Graeme Whitehouse Dec 15, 2017

I assume that if she is now prosecuted for perjury or wasting police time then she will be named

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Iain Sanders Dec 15, 2017

@Graeme Whitehouse 'If'...

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Ian Wilson Dec 15, 2017

Prosecute the woman for wasting police and law courts time and put her name on the front pages. If we don't get serious with these people it will happen again. This young guy has been tormented by a woman who should now experience what it's like to be charged and taken through the court system.

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Andrew Daws Dec 15, 2017

"The view seems to be to charge everyone and then if they are found not guilty it is the jury's fault, the public's fault."

The only time I did jury duty the jury wanted to convict on very flimsy evidence. I wrote to the judge asking if there was a requirement to establish proof "beyond reasonable doubt", as the jurors maintained that they had been told that was not necessary. and the judge was very scathing and dismissed us. The case was abandoned, and I'm very glad that that young family was not destroyed by sloppy legal practice.

I doubt that I will be asked again!

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Ed R Dec 15, 2017

@Andrew Daws The soggy expression used nowadays is 'satisfied so that you are sure' (of guilt). I've no idea why the time-honoured direction 'beyond reasonable doubt' was scrapped. It was something everyone understood, and had passed into ordinary English usage.

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Maxwell Dec 15, 2017

Sue the police and drag the whole experience through the press, name and shame everyone involved. This happens far too often and there must be anonymity for those facing sexual allegations unless there is an overriding public interest. Disgraceful.

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John Kirby Dec 15, 2017

@Maxwell The Police can be very vindictive if he were to sue them so working alongside them in the criminal justice system (as he wants to do) would be difficult. These muppets hold all the cards.

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Hugh Smith Dec 15, 2017

Maxwell. I would suspect this young man has had too much hassle recently, he really will not wish to start again.

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The Modest Proposer Dec 15, 2017

Simple question-

Why didn't Liam, the defendant, pass his own phone records on to his defence?

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Garioch Dec 15, 2017

@themodestproposer- the emails and texts from the woman to her friends mentioned in the article would not have been on his phone. They were the important ones in proving his innocence.

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Clive Simpson Dec 15, 2017

@The Modest Proposer Do you have your phone records?

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Graeme Harrison Dec 15, 2017

Yes and they're held by your provider for years.

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Andrew Davies Dec 15, 2017

Maybe his as well as hers were deleted. But it is a fair point. Am sure he should have told his defence team of the texts and couldn't they have extracted them in the name of justice from the service provider? Rather an obvious thing to do especially since the defendant has aspirations to become a criminal lawyer himself. Puzzling at the very least.

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Angela Barratt Dec 15, 2017

@Andrew Davies

The texts weren't to him and so would not have been on his phone. He would not necessarily have known about them.

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@Angela Barratt @Andrew Davies yes I re-read article later and realised that

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Steve Nesbitt Dec 15, 2017

@The Modest Proposer The police had access to the phone records but hadn't examined them.

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peter nightingale Dec 15, 2017

It should not take 14 months to complete a case file and for the CPS to assess it. This is where targets should be imposed.

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David H Dec 15, 2017

Strange. What happened to the records from his phone then? Surely they would show the same messages ?

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Erudio Dec 15, 2017

@David H Much of the phone evidence would have been on the woman's phone and with third parties.

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Graeme Harrison Dec 15, 2017

If he'd filed a defence statement to the effect that she continued to contact him post-alleged rape, then the police could easily (and should) have obtained the records of both the complainant and Mr Allen from their respective network provider.

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BMP Dec 15, 2017

@Graeme Harrison

Didn't the police have the records? It's what they did, or didn't do, with them that matters.

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Parkway Dec 15, 2017

"Because of mistakes in the past they seem to want to do everything you can to get a conviction. Conviction rates have become like sales targets"

The Brave New World, here we come.

"Great is truth, but still greater, from a practical point of view, is silence about truth."

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Clear Day Dec 15, 2017

Not many young university students would've gone through such a devastating experience. He sounds as if he's already strong - 'I'm the person they [his flat mates] all turn to for support' but this will make him all the more stronger! Good luck to him now! 🤝

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MargaretB Dec 15, 2017

The woman who made these false accusations can't be named, but he has been well and truly named and to some, there's no smoke without fire. It's great that justice has been done but he and his mother should not have been put through all this. The Police have questions to answer. They seem to have colluded in this young man's nightmare.

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Janet Halfpenney Dec 15, 2017

@MargaretB The woman should definitely be named and shamed

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And prosecuted.

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Norman K Lloyd Dec 15, 2017

@Janet Halfpenney @MargaretB Could he not bring a case for libel/slander against this woman? I mean he knows her name. If he used social media to name and shame would that be against the law?

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Clear Day Dec 16, 2017

I'm sure he'll be getting the best expert advice from his own Counsel, his university tutors and his friends and family. Good luck to him. He deserves it! 

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Steve Nesbitt Dec 15, 2017

@Janet Halfpenney @MargaretB If I were in his shoes I'd be planning to exact revenge. Is there any law that prevents Liam from circulating her name by putting it on social media sites and contacting her employer?

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