

MEN, VICTIMS OF RAPE

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Any man who rapes or sexually attacks a woman or girl should be brought to trial and punished severely, which, it is hoped, will deter other offenders.

But the other side of the coin must also be adequately addressed.

In 1998, 300 male school teachers were falsely accused of rape or serious sexual assault by schoolgirls in England and Wales. Some will never teach again, some may have a job again, some have lost their marriages and relationships because their respective wives or partners have walked off often taking their children with them. Some men committed or tried to commit suicide. Other resorted to the comfort of alcohol. Some received verbal and physical abuse from neighbours when the news was made known. All were arrested and had to go the police station and have interviews taped. Some had to employ solicitors and barristers. Some ended up in the dock and in the local and national press. They were vilified and they suffered. They are scarred for life, yet innocent.

Three hundred men. Six hundred families. Three hundred spiteful young women and as the dictionary describes a spiteful woman as a bitch do we have to say three hundred bitches?

Three hundred liars!

And three hundred claims that these men are paedophiles!!

The police have to investigate all allegations of rape. Many policeman have daughters of their own attending school. It cannot be easy for them to be impartial.

Most of these men have no redress at law. A private prosecution is fraught with difficulties. Most of the girls are under sixteen years of age and a civil action for damages and compensation is a waste of time as the girls probably have no capital of their own.

In the front of the Daily Express for 7 June 2005 there is the case of Merete Underwood, a mother of two, who told the police that she had been kidnapped and, sexually assaulted and raped by at least two men and the police launched an investigation. Underwood identified one of her attackers and he was arrested and locked up. Her husband, Toby, was fighting for custody of a son she had had by another man since he believed that she was not a good role model for the boy. He has spent £30,000 on this case while his wayward wife has been granted legal aid.

Underwood's claim of rape was a lie and she put an innocent man through a terrible ordeal, not to mention the disgrace she brought to her husband. At Middlesex Crown Court she admitted perverting the course of justice and was sentenced to a year in jail.

In 1996 a young woman in Newcastle claimed that she had been raped in a park when returning home from a funfair. And she said that the rapist was a smelly old tramp. The police could find no evidence but the woman, Natalie Nighting, applied in 1999 to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and received £7,500 for the stress she suffered because of this alleged rape.

Some months later a young man was arrested for offences on unrelated matters. His DNA matched samples taken from Nighting at the time of her alleged rape. But he certainly did not fit the description of her attacker. But she then admitted that her story was a fabrication and that she had consented to sex with this young man in the park. She admitted her lies, to wasting police time and to obtaining money by deception.

Why do women do this? Why did 300 teenage girls do this in 1998?

Harley Street psychologist Susan Van Scoyoc, who is based at the Women's Practice in London, has 20 years

experience of dealing with women who falsely accuse men of sexual attacks. She says that women often fabricate rape rather than admit to having casual sex. It is also true that some girls fancy a man and want sex with him but when he refuses her advances she punishes him by false accusations. Fantasy and reality become blurred. Women want to remove themselves from responsibility for such things including 'one-night stands', and change their minds and claim that they were raped," continues the psychologist adding, "The kind of women who cry rape can range from teenagers to older women not wanting to get into trouble and not wanting to be seen as having sex outside of marriage or outside a committed relationship."

But there are other reasons. I know of cases where a parent coaches a daughter to make up these lies in order that they can discredit and damage someone the parent does not like, even to the point of that innocent man having to face a long and undeserved prison sentence.

Many of these false accusations are merely attention-seeking or may be due to depression. A teenage girl unloved at home may invent such a story to show that some men do love her enough to want sex with her and, of course, in the mind of a teenage girl, sex and love are often considered as one and the same thing.

It isn't.

There is another reason. As many doctors and psychologists have said, and as I have already indicated, it is all about women exercising power over another individual. I have heard girls who have falsely accused a man of rape say, "If I can't have him, no one else will. He'll be in prison where all he can do is shag another man!"

Let me repeat what I said at the beginning. A man who actually does rape or sexually assault a woman or a girl must be punished.

But what punishment should be given to these women and girls who falsely accuse? Should they get the 15 years which the man might get if falsely convicted?

The other injustice to men is that in Court proceedings he is named but the woman may not be and any girl under sixteen cannot be named.

One 24 year old unnamed mother wanted compensation for her alleged ordeal. She said that Steven Borham of Milton Keynes raped her. But all charges were dropped against him in 1993 and for good reason. The information supplied to the police was false.

Jacqueline Padmore, 25, of Brixham used to hitch lifts and dress provocatively in miniskirts and then threaten rape allegations if the drivers did not give her money. In 1993 she was jailed for 42 months for blackmail!

How she dressed further proves my point about how women should not dress.

Samantha Heywood, 23, cried rape no fewer than six times against innocent men in a bid for attention. At Cardiff Crown Court in January 1999 she admitted perverting the course of justice.

The Police should take up the 300 cases of 1998, and those since, and charge all those girls. But they haven't the manpower or resources.

Ellen Smith, 39, of Leyton falsely accused her lover John Pickard, 42, of rape in 1993. But the night of the alleged attack he was with another woman.

In 2005, Yvonne Quigley, 21, was sentenced by Cambridgeshire Crown Court to jail for falsely accusing her boyfriend of rape. The Police spent £13,000 on the investigation. She admitted perverting the course of justice but she only served six weeks of a three month sentence. Such a crime can receive life imprisonment.

What about the innocent man and his ordeal?

Many false allegations of rape spring from little more than sexual fantasy. It seems that some girls cannot

control their fantasies and live in a false world!

Rowena Jones, 20, is a case in point. This Shropshire student was jailed for two months in October 1999 after inventing a sexual attack in the grounds of Exeter University. Later she admitted that she had lied.

Kerry-Ann Emmett, 19, claimed that her boyfriend, Colin Kester, 30, threatened her with a knife and raped her. She later admitted that it was all lies and, at Winchester Crown Court in November 1999 she was jailed for six months for perverting the course of justice.

Susan Gooch was a 27- year- old finance clerk who invented a story about being raped to cover up her sordid casual sex exploits. She had sex on a tube train and accused the man of rape. At the Old Bailey in 1993 she admitted perverting the course of justice.

Austin Donellan was cleared by an Old Bailey jury in just 70 minutes having been falsely accused of raping another student from Kings College, London at a party. Computer studies student Matthew Kydd, 21, was acquitted at Norwich Crown Court in just 35 minutes on another false charge of rape.

In the early part of 2005 a girl from Essex, aged between five and ten, said that a man entered her bedroom during a night and raped her. The story made the front page of the newspapers and the main story in televisions' evening news. Some weeks later the Police admitted that this story was not true but a pack of lies. Why do girls so young take such terrible lies?

In September 2005 Beverley Miles, 48, a schoolteacher from Bournemouth was jailed for six months, yes, only six months, for regularly sexually interfering with a boy of 16 in her car, in his home and actually fondling him in the school.

The suggestion that only men are sex offenders is untrue and there are more men falsely accused of sexual offences than men who commit them.

There are hundreds of cases like this including the three hundred schoolteachers in 1998. How many other men in different professions were also falsely accused?

It is claimed by some ignorant people that a woman cannot rape a man.

Let me quote just one example. Two women invited a man into their flat for a drink or two or three. They held him down, undid his trousers, stimulated him and one woman inserted him into her and the other women continued manual stimulation maintaining his erection. He did not want this but he was manipulated against his will.

And it happens! It may be awkward for mechanical reasons, but it does happen!

Crime figures for 2002 state that women raping men had increased by 11%

Perhaps I should quote another example. Mary Kay Letourneau was a school teacher in Seattle and when she was 34 and a mother of four she raped a twelve year old boy, Villi Fualaau. She was sent to jail but released after six months where she reoffended and when back inside. She was released in August 2004 and in May 2005 married the boy she had raped.

Women do take the initiative and seduce men stimulating them to sex and, indeed, rape them!