



# Man wins costs after rape trial acquittal

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An advertising executive who said an estate agent tried to seduce him and then framed him for rape went free from court yesterday after being cleared by a jury.

Yeung Chi-lun, 28, said he would be more cautious in his dealings with women in future. But he added that the case should have been dropped a long time ago.

After the acquittal, Deputy Judge David Gill ruled that Mr Yeung's legal costs be paid by the Government.

The Court of First Instance judge rejected a claim by the prosecution that Yeung should pay because he had brought suspicion upon himself.

The 27-year-old estate agent had told the jury she was raped by Mr Yeung last May at a stairway close to the home she shared with her boyfriend and his family.

She said she had been so drunk after consuming 12 cans of beer in a post-work drinking session that she had no recollection of how she got to the stairway.

The woman claimed that when she regained her senses she found that some of her clothing had been removed and Mr Yeung was having sex with her.

In his defence, he said the allegations were untrue. Mr Yeung said the woman had asked him to go to the stairway for a chat after he escorted her home.

He claimed she then made sexual advances towards him and insisted he take part in a sex act before leaving.

Mr Yeung said she made false allegations of rape against him because he had lost interest in her.

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