

SMEARED: Trucker's hell at hands of best pal's wife

Her rape lies ruined my life

A LORRY driver's life lay in ruins last night after his best mate's wife falsely accused him of rape.

Brian Ross has been living a nightmare since Liz Skene made her sex attack claims.

His hair turned grey almost overnight, and pals say the once-happy bachelor has become a recluse.

He suffered a month of hell before he was cleared by forensic tests.

By NICK BRITTEN

Yesterday Liz, 35, was exposed as a liar when she pleaded guilty to falsely accusing Brian and wasting police time.

But Brian, 33, said: "It doesn't matter what happens, I'll never get over it."

He told the Record: "My life's fallen apart. It's a nightmare."

"From the moment I wake up I have to live with people thinking I'm a rapist and pointing the finger."

"She's a woman whom I've known for years and who I trusted. Yet she was prepared to sit back and let me go to jail."

HGV driver Brian moved in with Liz and her hubby Les as a lodger at their Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire home in 1994.

Brian said: "I'd known them for 15 years. I got on with Liz but there was never anything between us."

Everything was fine until the police knocked at the door in February.

Grilled

Brian said: "When the police told me what she had accused me of I went to pieces. I couldn't believe what I was hearing."

Detectives grilled him and forced him into a humiliating examination by a doctor before releasing him without charge.

And he was told nothing until forensic tests proved he hadn't had sex with Liz.

Brian said: "I simply had to sit and sweat, being made to feel I was guilty."

"Then all of a sudden the police turned up and said I was cleared, just like that."

"No explanation, no apologies, nothing."

Yesterday at Falkirk Sheriff Court Liz admitted wasting police time by accusing Brian of rape.

Sentence was deferred for psychiatric reports.

EXPOSED ...

Liz Skene yesterday admitted making false rape claims to the police against Brian Ross



RECLUSE ... shattered Brian Ross