

False Rape Stories In The News

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On July 30, 23-year old Meenakshi Kumari and her 15-year-old sister were sentenced to be gang-raped by a group of village elders in the Baghpat district.

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Women of a certain political persuasion are forever telling us that false rape allegations are extremely rare. So rare in fact that they keep making headlines worldwide. There have been three extraordinary cases recently: one from the Southern Hemisphere; two from the Tropics. All three were/are clear fabrications.

The first dates back to 2013 when an unnamed prison guard broke up with the unnamed accuser. After their relationship finished in November she claimed he had raped her on more than one occasion. He spent four months behind bars but then the case fell apart.

Among other things it came to light that this woman had made a false rape allegation against a neighbour years before, and had roped in her own mother to back up her lies.

On August 26, she was convicted by a Canberra magistrate, and will be sentenced next month.

Some rape accusers have little credibility, in particular the longer the time between the alleged rape and the allegation, the more skeptical should be the investigators, but when a woman reports an alleged rape promptly and has suffered physical injury as well, then clearly her story should be treated with minimal if any skepticism. Unfortunately, even allegations of this nature can be false, which is what happened to Nick Laycock in Cambodia.

He was working at a guest house when he was accused of rape by a British tourist. After spending two days in a prison cell, his boss revealed what had actually happened. The two had had consensual sex, then she had fallen over injuring her wrist and back after apparently having a few drinks. He had helped her up, but after she met up with two friends, the three made incriminating statements against him.

Fortunately, her tumble was captured on CCTV, which begs the question, how many other men have been falsely accused of rape but have not been cleared because there was no CCTV?

Finally, a truly bizarre story, one which did not involve a rape but an order to rape. This comes from India, a country that is more prone than most to false allegations after the shocking gang-rape and murder of a young woman in Delhi 3 years ago. This was reported by among others the American feminist website *Jezebel* with its usual total lack of critical faculty.

In some parts of India, tradition is still very strong, including the caste system, people don't marry "out" – end of. In one village, a man eloped with an upper caste woman, and the village council ordered that his two sisters be raped as a punishment, at least that was the story. And what a story it was, it led to calls for action to be taken by MPs in the UK,

and to a massive petition by Amnesty International, an organisation that is often slow to check its facts, that's when it even bothers.

However, when the BBC **sent a team there**, they returned with what? No evidence that the all-male village council ordered any such outrage. That being said, the facts have never been allowed to get in the way of a horrible story, even one that has been totally made up, and this particular lie is still going the rounds, including being promoted by publications that should know better.

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