

False Rapes In The News

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Anti-rape activists (so-called) would have us believe that false allegations of rape are extremely rare; the facts dictate otherwise, and in recent weeks there have been some disturbing cases from both sides of the Atlantic, the most notorious of which is the *Rolling Stone* hoax. This started life as a story in that magazine on November 19 last year. This gang rape is said to have taken place in September 2012 at the University of Virginia, and the details were so horrific that it raised the obvious question why it had not been reported before?

The stock response to such skepticism is that the victim was too ashamed, too frightened, afraid she would not be believed, etc. In this case the victim was not believed for a very good reason, the claims of this anonymous woman were a total fabrication, as has been confirmed by the police recently, using very diplomatic language. And the subsequent

response? This anomaly should not dissuade genuine rape victims from coming forward. Almost invariably genuine victims do come forward, promptly, which is why they are believed, although not every *victim* who comes forward promptly has really been raped.

In New York early last month, a young woman claimed to have been raped by a masked man in a city park, but although she was deemed credible, she **recanted hours later**. As the non-victim was white and her fictional assailant black, there is an obvious racial angle here that can under certain circumstances lead to real problems for innocent people other than potential suspects.

North of the border, another, more recent false rape claim is in the news. Two months ago, a Montreal woman claimed to have been raped in a car park, now though **the only suspect** is 47 year old Carole Thomas, because the police have found holes in her story.

In the UK, one woman is in gaol and another soon might be after making wilfully false allegations against totally innocent men. In the first case which dates back several years, a young woman from Bournemouth, Nicole Richess, had consensual sex with two soldiers, and then accused them of sexually assaulting her. She told her boyfriend, who made her go to the police and report it. She is said to have reported this non-attack tearfully and in great detail, wasting nearly 300 hours of police time. She kept up this charade for over two years before pleading guilty to perverting the course of justice.

In mitigation, she blamed her then boyfriend; she felt pressured into reporting the false claims because he was 'violent' and 'controlling'. On the contrary, he sounds like a caring and responsible person for insisting she report what he thought was an heinous crime. It is truly amazing how there is always a man to blame for a rape, even one that never happened. She was given a two and a half year sentence.

In Scotland, a woman who accused a taxi driver of raping her in May last year is facing hard time. After having consensual sex with him, she told her husband he had raped her, the police were informed, and the poor guy ended up being **charged with rape**. The one thing that can be said in her favour is that she appears to have recanted shortly after that. The same cannot be said of Nicole Richess.