

False Rape Case Histories: Data Extraction Categories

The Tables which follow extract some of the key data from the 146 cases of false sexual assault allegations. The meaning of each row in order is,

- Case Code: unique ID
- Year = year as listed (last trial or hearing)
- R = Rape, AP = assault by penetration, SA = serious assault (sexual and possibly also physical), LSO = lesser sexual offence
- Sex of accuser
- Sex of accused
- Was the accused named by the accuser? (Y/N)
- Number of accusers (in the latest allegation – there may be more re previous allegations)
- Number of people accused (last offence only)
- Serial accuser? Enter number of people accused PRIOR to case in question (1 = one earlier accusation, etc., blank = not serial accuser)
- Reason: Rejection (Rej), Revenge or anger (Rev), Regret (Reg), Jealousy (J), cover for infidelity (Inf), bid for sympathy (Sym), bid for attention (Att), related to exams, course work etc (Aca), political bias or attack or career advancement or protection via anonymity (P), Compensation (C), Extortion/blackmail/fraud/compensation money (E), Delusional (D), Other (O), Unknown (blank). Only left blank if there is no indication at all of the reason.
- Disclosure: Evidence not disclosed or properly presented to defence, or only disclosed very late when earlier disclosure would have avoided charges (Dis). This is also used when police have been in possession of evidence from early in the investigation but charges are nevertheless brought and the prosecution finally offer no evidence close to the trial date. Evidence available but not obtained (NO)
- Evidence: The main exculpatory evidence – CCTV; SM = social media, mobile or other electronic device, or other evidence of a consensual relationship, e.g., diary entries or photographs; Alibi (A); Witness (W); CTP = conflicts of time or place; R = official records, e.g., medical records or court papers or police files; forensic including DNA (F); accuser withdraws allegations (Wth), do not use this category when withdrawal occurred only after other evidence was obtained which indicated false allegation; state “O” if evidence of another kind is cited. A blank means no indication of the evidence at all.
- Bail (blank) or kept on remand (R, with months held in custody in brackets)
- Years in prison: for the initially wrongly convicted, NOT the accuser, enter the number of years served in prison
- Did the pair recently meet via social media app / dating site? (Y/N)
- Nature of termination: This relates to how the allegations against the accused came to an end. It does NOT relate to any subsequent charges against the accuser. Not charged (NC), Trial ordered but no evidence offered by prosecution (NE), cleared by jury (CJ). This relates to the final trial if there is a re-trial. “NE” carries the implication that prosecution should never have been sought. Often “NE” is recorded after an appeal, or multiple re-trials, following earlier convictions.

- Implication that situation was “guilty until proven innocent” (GUPI = Y, else blank). In truth, “guilty until proven innocent” applies in virtually all cases. However GUPI is left blank if the police did their job in terms of finding, and disclosing, the exculpatory evidence. GUPI is set to Y only if the defendant or his friends, relatives or defence team had to pro-actively find evidence to establish innocence. GUPI does not apply if the exculpatory evidence was obtained by the prosecution. However GUPI also applies if the judge or a barrister notes that the accused would probably have been convicted had certain key evidence not come to light.
- Was accuser drunk or on drugs when the accusation was made or event supposed to have occurred? (Y or blank)
- Was the alleged victim under 18 at the time of the alleged incident? (Y or blank). This applies to the age of the alleged victim at the time of the alleged incident, not when the complaint was made. It applies also if an adult pretends to have been under-aged (e.g., case 15/10).
- Was the false accuser punished? Dealt with by police, e.g., by fixed penalty fine (FP), Prosecuted or pled guilty but sentence unknown (P), Prosecuted and imprisoned (X yrs), Prosecuted and convicted but suspended sentence (Sus), Prosecuted and convicted but lesser punishment (Less). Blank = not punished or presumed not punished.
- Suicides: enter number of suicides associated with case (count accusers and accused and friends or relatives)
- Historical? Enter Y if alleged events took place more than 5 years before the accusation was made.
- Victim Compensation: has the accuser received compensation for the alleged victimisation? In most cases this will not be known, so a blank does not necessarily indicate no compensation payment. There is a separate job of research needed to identify how commonly alleged victims receive compensation – and how much.

Suicide Roll Call

Accused

Jay Cheshire

Karin Cheshire (accused’s mother)

Michael Isherwood

Steven Rudderham

Luke King

Garry Parnell

Graham Smith

Tom Acton

Philip Prynnl

Daniel Devennie

Ian Adams

Keith Beattie

Stephen McLaughlin

Accuser

Hannah Stubbs

Homicide due to accusation

Darren Kelly

Died in prison as an innocent man

Darryl Gee

Cases where a police officer or the prosecution services appear to have been beyond negligent and have either been subject to formal complaints, been sued, or appear to have been actually criminal,

17/22, 16/6, 16/14, 16/25, 16/26, 15/1, 15/7, 14/2, 10/9, 6/1, 5/1

16/25 involves a female QC gaming the system to her advantage

Case	18/1	18/2	18/3	18/4	18/5	17/1	17/2	17/3	17/4
Year	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017
Rape	R	R	AP	LSO	R	R	R	R	LSO
Accuser	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Accused	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Named?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No.accusers	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
No.accused	1	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	1
Serial?					3				several
Reason				E	D			P?	
Disclosure	Dis	Dis	Dis			Dis	Dis	Dis	
Evidence	SM	SM	CCTV	CTP	history	SM	SM	SM+R	SM
Bail			R(12)				R(4)		
Yrs prison									
Dating app?									
Termination	NE	NE	NE	CJ	NE	NE	NE	CJ	NC
GUPI?		Y	Y				Y	Y	
Drunk?	pos	pos	Y					pos	
Under 18?				Y	Y		Y		claimed
Punished?				CPS					Sus
Suicides									
Historical?				Y	Y				
Victim Comp?					£22,000				

Case	17/5	17/6	17/7	17/8	17/9	17/10	17/11	17/12	17/13
Year	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
Rape	R	R	LSO	R	R	R	R	R	R
Accuser	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Accused	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Named?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
No.accusers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
No.accused	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Serial?	1	11							
Reason	Rej	Att+C?		Rev	Reg	Reg	Reg	Reg	Reg
Disclosure	Dis								
Evidence	SM+R	CCTV+F		SM	SM	F			CCTV
Bail									
Yrs prison		2							
Dating app?									
Termination	NE	NC	NC	NC	CJ	NE	NE	CJ	CJ
GUPI?	Y	Y							
Drunk?				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Under 18?									
Punished?	dead	10 yrs	P	16 mths					
Suicides	1								
Historical?									
Victim Comp?		£11,000							

