

Tweet Trolling and Real Discrimination

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My 27/11/13 blog <http://redpilluk.co.uk/HackTheHome.pdf> warned that those nasty people trolling Carolina Criado-Perez for campaigning to have a woman's picture on our banknotes should not be assumed necessarily to be male. I do like being right. So far two people have been charged, one of whom is a 23 year old woman.

[Note added 24/1/14: The woman, Isabella Sorley, has now received a 12-week prison sentence, and the 25 year old man, John Nimmo, eight weeks. Both have also been made to pay £800 compensation. Sorley used Twitter to tell Criado-Perez to "f*** off and die you worthless piece of crap" and "go kill yourself", and said: "Rape is the last of your worries." Nimmo told Criado-Perez to "shut up bitch" and "Ya not that gd looking to rape u be fine", followed by: "I will find you [smiley face]" and then the message "rape her nice ass". So, if you thinking of doing some tweet trolling - and I really do not advise it - this will give you some idea of what will get you imprisoned].

Meanwhile, back in the world of real discrimination, rather than mere nasty words on twitter, we have the case of Victor Nealon who has spent 17 years in prison but whose conviction for attempted rape has just been quashed. Mr Nealon, who had always denied attempted rape, was arrested after a woman was sexually assaulted on her way home from a nightclub in Redditch. He was convicted after a trial at Hereford Crown Court and given a life term. Nealon could have been granted parole in earlier years but this was prevented by his insistence on his innocence.

The Appeal Court heard that new DNA evidence revealed the presence of another man's genetic material and Mr Nealon was released from prison on 13/12/13. The Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) referred the case to the Court of Appeal, which heard that DNA material found on the 22-year-old woman's blouse tarnished the jury's guilty verdict. Peter Willcock QC said his client had volunteered to give a DNA sample at the time of the attack in 1996 and no trace was found on the woman's clothing. But tests in recent years revealed the presence of the other man's DNA.

Mr Nealon said: "I would call for the police to reopen this case and give the victim some justice. I'm not attributing any sort of blame to her. I don't want the victim to be carrying a burden here. I deserve some explanation from the police as to why this happened and also the victim does."

After serving 17 years as an innocent man, Victor Nealon was released from prison with just £46 "discharge grant" and wandered homeless towards the West Midlands. He said a few days ago, "I've been destitute and emotionally topsy-turvy. Coming out of prison after 17 years isn't an easy experience".

You see, Carolina Criado-Perez, that's what real discrimination looks like. Not just some nasty words over a picture. But you won't see, will you? Because only women experience discrimination.

We must remember at this point that false rape convictions never happen. And we must also remember the wise words of Deborah Orr, writing in The Guardian on 13/9/13* on the subject of men falsely accused of rape, "*if occasionally people have to undergo ordeals like theirs, in order to ensure that others who have committed such crimes are less likely to get away with them, then so be it.*"

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/13/acquittal-does-not-make-victim>. And, of course, she is by no means the first feminist to opine that men falsely accused of rape can benefit from the experience. Perhaps Deborah would like to have a chat with Victor and explain to him just how he has profited from the last 17 years in prison. This sentiment is the very essence of sexism. Examine it closely. It says this: it is perfectly OK for some innocent men to unjustly suffer ordeals due to false allegations because it serves our greater objective - which is to maximise the number of men who are punished. This negation of justice can be justified in Deborah's mind only by virtue of a callous disregard for the suffering of innocent men.