Rape charges alleged by Widnes woman dropped after 'video shows consent of all parties'

Zara-Jayne Moisey, 25, released from Dubai after rape charges dropped
A woman from Widnes who faced jail in Dubai after claiming she had been raped has had charges against her dropped after a ‘video shows consent of all parties’.

Zara-Jayne Moisey was in the United Arab Emirates heading to Australia to start a new life when she alleged she was attacked in a hotel room by two British men.

The 25-year-old ended up in a prison cell, had her passport confiscated and was being held on the grounds of sexual activity outside marriage.

Her family and friends launched a Facebook appeal which raised £30,737 towards her legal fees.

However, in a dramatic development, Zara and the two men questioned over the incident have now been freed to return home.

The office of Dubai Public Prosecutor has confirmed that it has closed the case involving the alleged rape ‘following careful examination of all evidence’.

A statement read: “The office has decided not to proceed with legal proceedings.

“The Public Prosecutor’s Office clarified that a thorough review of statements given by the British woman and the two suspects as well as the reports of investigating officers from Dubai Police showed that the act happened with the consent of the three parties in question.

“A video obtained from the mobile phone of one of the suspects detailing the act was a key evidence that supported this conclusion.”

The prosecutor said the alleged rape was reported in late October at Al Barsha police station.

The statement added: “The two male suspects, also British nationals, were arrested and questioned.

“The three parties were later released on bail. Their passports were retained to facilitate proper investigations.

“Dubai’s legal system takes reports of all crimes very seriously, including and especially violence against women, and conducts thorough investigations of all incidents.

“Following the closure of the case, all three parties involved in the case are in the process of receiving their passports and are free to leave the UAE.”

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In an exclusive interview today, Zara’s dad Chris has confirmed that three fundraising events in Widnes will still go ahead.

He said: “The fundraising events are not being cancelled.

“With any excess funds, Zara wants to do something for women’s rape crisis situation.

“We want to turn this around and have a welcome home justice for Zara campaign.”

A charity night with live music and disco is being held at St Michael’s social club from 6pm on Friday.

The Bradley pub on Albert Road is hosting an event the following evening.

There will also be live music, tribute acts and the chance to win a signed Liverpool FC shirt at The Albion pub on Liverpool Road on Saturday, December 3.

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