Mum tells of ordeal after son was falsely accused of rape

EXCLUSIVE: The mother of an innocent young man who spent a year in jail after being falsely accused of rape fears her family will never get over the ordeal.

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THE mother of an innocent young man who spent a year in jail after being falsely accused of rape fears her family will never get over the ordeal.

Lindsay Duncan feared for son Jason's life as he was terrorised by thugs in Barlinnie jail.

Her only child was beaten, spat at and attacked with razor blades and boiling water. And Lindsay had to quit her job as a recruitment officer so she could visit him every day - to check he was still alive.

The Record exclusively revealed Jason's ordeal on Tuesday.

And yesterday, Lindsay said: "The past year has been horrendous for all of us. There were times I feared Jason would not survive it.

"He was treated like an animal by the other inmates. When I went to see him, he was in a real mess. It almost pushed him over the edge.

"Jason was a broken man but I never doubted him. I knew my son wasn't capable of anything like this.

"He is still suffering now. We all are, and I don't think we will ever get over it."
"The woman who made up the allegations is disgusting in the worst degree and gives women a bad name.

"Women like her are not only ripping the lives of young men apart, they are making it even more difficult for genuine cases to get to court. I feel very strongly that she should be named and shamed but I know the law protects alleged victims.

"The law has to change to stop false claims and to protect the identity of the men until they are found guilty."

Steel worker Jason, 22, lives with and cares for his mum, who has a back problem, in Airdrie, Lanarkshire. He also helps look after his elderly gran Margaret.

Both women backed Jason from the moment he was charged in March 2009 until he was acquitted at the High Court in Falkirk this month.

The jury took just an hour to reject the woman's claims. It's understood she had previously accused another man of rape but the case didn't get to court.

Margaret said she was "incredibly proud" of her grandson. She added: "He is a lovely boy and an absolute gentleman. These allegations have knocked him for six."

Jason's pal Chris Hoey, 20, was also cleared of raping the woman on the same night after she invited them to her flat after a night out.

She said the pair broke in and attacked her at knifepoint.

Jason, who had known her for years, fears she was plotting to claim criminal injuries compensation.