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# E YORKS: Checkout assistant sent down for nine months WOMAN JAILED FOR RAPE CLAIM



**LIED TO POLICE:** Jennifer Osborne, 22, of Elloughton, heads to Hull Crown Court, where she was sentenced to nine months for perverting the course of justice

**A WOMAN has been jailed after making up a story about a terrifying rape in an alleyway.**

Supermarket checkout assistant Jennifer Osborne put Graham Dawes through a year of misery after lying to police about the couple's one-night stand.

Today, Mr Dawes spoke of his relief as his 22-year-old accuser was jailed for nine months for perverting the course of justice in what police described as an extremely rare case.

"The whole ordeal didn't end until the moment she pleaded guilty," he told the Mail.

Hull Crown Court heard Mr Dawes endured a day in a cell and was forced to strip for an intrusive medical examination.

He was also subjected to intense questioning after Osborne claimed he had led her into an alley and subjected her to a terrifying ordeal.

Osborne, who had never been in trouble before, claimed Mr Dawes had made her perform oral sex on him before forcing her into full intercourse and attempting anal sex.

But a police investigation, which cost £8,200 and involved 192 man-hours and detailed forensic analysis, proved Mr Dawes' innocence.

Osborne, of Hunter Road, Elloughton, claimed she never set foot in Mr Dawes' house.

But fibres from her socks were found in his bedroom and the hallway.

Police charged her with perverting the course of justice but she persisted with her claims until just before Mr Dawes was due to give evidence in court.

Prosecutor Mark Bury said Osborne had been drunk at Parker's nightclub in Beverley where she had been seen kissing several men.

The pair then left and walked to Mr Dawes' house in Beverley where they had sex.

Mr Bury said: "Mr Dawes may have been somewhat ungallant thereafter.

"Mr Dawes, rather unceremo-

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 COURT REPORTER

niously it appears, did not call a taxi for her, leaving her to walk the streets to find a phone box to call a taxi."

Osborne, in tears, called a friend who advised her to go to the police.

She told them her version of events, claiming she had to run away from Mr Dawes before being sick in the alleyway.

Police arrested Mr Dawes and took him for questioning. During the interviews he mentioned she was wearing socks.

According to Osborne's account, he would not have known she was wearing socks because she had been wearing high boots that night.

Mr Bury said: "That led

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## Landlord's anger after football violence

**HULL:** A publican whose pub was left badly damaged by Hull City supporters today said he police asked him to open to accommodate ticketless fans.

He spoke out after 74 men from the Hull area were charged with violent disorder after violence broke out following the Tigers' 2-0 defeat at Lincoln.

Police say more than 70 supporters caused extensive damage to the Barbican Hotel, St Mary's Street, Lincoln, after Hull City's match against Lincoln City on Saturday.

Lincolnshire Police arrested "a large number" of people at the scene.

They have been released on bail to reappear at Lincoln Police Station in April or May.

Barbican landlord Antony Mathews was today reopening the city-centre pub.

The 45-year-old said he had not opened on Saturday because of fears of trouble.

Mr Mathews said: "At 3pm the police asked if I would let in some Hull fans who didn't have tickets.

"They said there were about 30 but there were 77 of

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# No joy in case for police Woman jailed for false rape claim

**EAST YORKS:** The detective who led the inquiry into Jennifer Osborne's rape claims said he took no enjoyment from seeing her go to jail.

Detective Constable Phil Gadd said it was vital genuine rape victims knew she was punished to show how police investigate thoroughly to get to the truth.

Hull Crown Court heard Osborne had already made one suicide attempt and suffered from depression.

Her barrister Anil Murray said she was an industrious and honest

person, overcoming dyslexia to gain nine GCSEs.

Mr Murray said Osborne had found sex with Graham Dawes rougher than she expected. He said his client felt "defiled" afterwards and had told her friend she had been raped, not thinking it would go further.

Judge Simon Jack said he had kept the sentence as short as he could, bearing in mind Osborne's lack of previous convictions.

"Offences like this undermine our system of justice," he added.

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police to become suspicious. They searched the alley and could find no trace of vomit."

Investigators removed Mr Dawes' and Osborne's clothing for forensic examination.

Six weeks later, they found a fibre from Osborne's socks in Mr Dawes' house he shared with his parents. Only then was he told he would not be charged.

Today, Mr Dawes relived his ordeal, telling the Mail: "It didn't sink in to start with. On the night itself, I didn't think anything of it. I had just been out having a good time with the lads from football."

"It was 9am the next day when the police arrested me and I spent the day in police cells; about 15 hours.

"It was degrading. I had to have a full

medical examination and two 45-minute interviews, which was a harrowing experience.

"I had never had any contact with the police before and they were saying I might not get bail."

During the interviews, officers put Osborne's claims to him in minute detail.

Mr Dawes said: "I knew I hadn't done anything but I didn't know what was going to happen.

"I was trying to get on with my work but it was always in my mind."

Mr Dawes had to sleep in his father's car as he travelled to Middlesex the next day for an induction course for a manager's job at a pizza restaurant.

"I think she deserves what she got. I have no sympathy for her," he said.

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