

## “Compulsive Liar” Jailed For Falsely Accusing Ex-Boyfriend Of Rape

Natasha Foster, a 23-year-old “compulsive liar” who falsely accused a former boyfriend of rape after he ended their on-off relationship by text, [was sentenced](#) in Antrim, Northern Ireland to three months in jail.

Foster, who admitted a charge of perverting the course of public justice, is the third woman in Northern Ireland to be sentenced for making similar claims. In 2010 Newtownabbey woman Lindsay Gorman was jailed for nine months, while in January 2013 a Dromore woman, Belinda Poots Sneddon, was given a two-year suspended jail term plus a £1,000 fine.

Antrim Crown Court Judge Desmond Marrinan [told Foster that](#) when people like her “act in this wicked way and cry rape falsely” it not only increased the plight of women who have been victims of this distasteful crime, it may also create doubt in the minds

of the public and may also affect the minds of a jury whose job it is to decide on such cases. He added that such false claims also posed significant and potential issues as they might also be seen as an attack on, and damage the criminal justice system itself.

Judge Marrinan said it was a difficult case when it came to deciding what was a fair, just and proportionate sentence. However, while a sentence of six months, if not longer, would be justified, given the mitigating factors, such as her genuine remorse, and the fact she was now a young mother, he would reduce the sentence to three months.

Judge Marrinan said that in November 2011, Foster, who had a new boyfriend, still harbored the hope of a reconciliation with her former lover, “Mr X.” He had called at her home to collect some belongings, during which ‘something happened’, but a short time later Mr X sent a text message indicating he was not going to resume the relationship.

While the judge said while this may well be described as a “somewhat ungallant act,” it

did not warrant or justify what Foster did next, which was to inform her new boyfriend, and later the police, that Mr X had raped her.

Judge Marrinan said defence lawyer Michael Smith had described Foster as a ‘woman scorned’, he saw her behavior as a mixture of impulsivity, anger and hurt and a sense of rejection, which resulted in Mr X being arrested and spending nearly 12 hours in custody. However, two days later Foster went to police and confessed that any sex was consensual.

Foster began serving her sentence after the sentencing hearing on November 25, 2013. She will serve half of her three month term in custody, after which she will serve the same period on supervised parole.

Source: [‘Wicked’ Natasha Foster](#) to spend Christmas in jail for ‘crying rape’, *Belfast Telegraph*, Nov. 25, 2013



Natasha Foster  
(Belfast Telegraph)

## Compensation Ordered For Man Wrongly Convicted Of Attempted Culpable Homicide

India’s High Court in Kerala has ordered that Muraleedharan R U be provided with compensation for his wrongful conviction of attempted culpable homicide.

In 2004 Muraleedharan was an employee of the Changaramkari temple in Mararikulam, on India’s southwest coast. On September 27, 2004 he got into a fight with a neighbor who used Muraleedharan’s motorcycle registration number to file a false motor accident claim. Police arrested both men, charging Muraleedharan with an attempt to commit culpable homicide, and his neighbor

with voluntarily causing hurt by a dangerous weapon.

Although the charges were dropped against the neighbor, Muraleedharan was tried and convicted of his charge after a bench trial. He was sentenced to three years imprisonment and a fine of Rs10,000 (\$160 in 2013) by the trial court.

Muraleedharan appealed on the basis the evidence didn’t support he had attempted to commit culpable homicide, and he was charged [because he was](#) “targeted by the police for opposing the insurance racket” his neighbor was involved in. The appeals court ordered the Inspector General’s Office to investigate Muraleedharan’s claims.

The Inspector General’s post-conviction report detailed that Muraleedharan’s neighbor filed two false accident cases with different police offices to claim insurance for an injury he allegedly suffered after his motorcycle hit a bicycle on February 17, 2003. He submitted different medical certificates issued by doctors with the Alappuzha medical college hospital to support his insurance claims. One of those claims involved using the registration number of Muraleedharan’s motorcycle. The IG’s report identified several police officers involved in the insurance scam and recommended action against



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them. When police officials were notified they responded that the three officers involved directly in the inquiry had retired. The IG’s report also detailed that no action was taken on Muraleedharan’s insurance fraud claims by the trial court, the medical superintendent at the Cherthala hospital where the men were treated, the district police chief, the DSP, and the director-general of police. The IG’s report further documented that Muraleedharan shouldn’t have been charged with an attempt to commit culpable homicide because his neighbor’s injury from their altercation was not life-threatening.

Based on the IG’s report Muraleedharan’s conviction was quashed in July 2011.

Muraleedharan then filed a claim for compensation for his wrongful imprisonment. After it was denied by the lower court, in November 2013 the High Court in Kerala [ordered the](#) chief secretary and director general of police in Charamangalam, Alappuzha to file affidavits on the compensation to be paid Muraleedharan.

Sources: [HC orders compensation](#) for man wrongly convicted, *Times of India*, November 15, 2013

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fore the Court issued its ruling and his appeal lawyer, Vermont Defender General Matthew Valerio, [told the Brattleboro Reformer](#), “we don’t know where he is now.”

Sources:

[State of Vermont](#) v. Tyler Smith Waters, 2013 VT 109 (VT Sup Ct., 11-15-2013)

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