

## False accusers - WILL you be believed?

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Police and CPS keep saying "You will be believed" which I would have thought at best naive and at worst encouraging crime.

But I (perhaps foolishly) consider most police and CPS as honest and decent human beings. I bet they have experienced thousands of false allegations which they simply file away as NO ACTION - ACCUSER MAD (or deluded or greedy or demented or simply mistaken).

I still find it utterly amazing that there haven't been hundreds of old groupies from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s who haven't made allegations against their much adored (back then) rock stars. Did the police simply disregard them? Is it fair for a Freedom of Information request to demand such information from Chief Constables? Are such fake claims filed away? Have there been none against Cabinet Ministers? Including Cameron, Osborne, Clegg, Milliband etc? Or Police Chiefs? Or Judges? Or Editors? This case against the man accused of falsely accusing Ken Clarke for example, cannot be the only one (or is that because he did so publicly, on Twitter)?

Will a high profile case produce such examples in court as part of a defence illustrating to an ignorant jury just how common false allegations are? Could Chief Constables be called as Defence witnesses to show just how many spurious complaints there are these days? If I'd known 15 years ago what I know today I'd have had my team investigate the treatment by police of the Mick Hucknall/Paul Weller false accusers a few days before mine in 2000, such as why they were made, who investigated them, why they were dropped and so on (read about that in 70 FFFY).

Hopefully 2015 will be the year when the balance of justice is corrected.