# County Down woman admits making multiple false sexual assault allegations



A woman from County Down has been warned that she faces a potential prison sentence after admitting to making multiple false allegations of sexual assault. Elizabeth Bates, aged 26, appeared in the dock of Downpatrick Crown Court where her defence barrister, Richard McConkey KC, requested that she be re-arraigned on a second count. Bates subsequently admitted to perverting the course of justice on 26 August 2022.

The court proceedings have highlighted the seriousness of such false claims, which can significantly undermine public trust in genuine allegations of sexual assault. The case is under scrutiny, reflecting the legal system's approach to handling false accusations and their implications for both victims and the accused.

Further details regarding the sentencing and any potential repercussions for Bates have yet to be disclosed as the court considers the case. The Belfast Telegraph is reporting that Bates’ actions have raised broader concerns about the impact of false allegations on legitimate cases within the justice system. The legal process is set to continue, with the court emphasizing the need for accountability in instances of perjury.

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