

Rape – Perverting the Course of Justice

A Warwickshire woman was charged with perverting the course of justice, following a police investigation into her allegation that she had been raped. The Cogent consultant advised the woman's defence team on shortcomings in the forensic strategy used by the police in the original rape investigation and suggested additional examinations that might still be done to prove or disprove the allegation.

When the defence approached CPS for access to the relevant items it became clear that the items had been destroyed. As a result, the case against the woman was dismissed because the defence had been denied the opportunity to examine the items and obtain their own forensic evidence.

