

SEX BEAST EXPOSED BY **MIRROR** ADMITS TWO MORE RAPES

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A RAPIST brought to justice after a Facebook appeal has since confessed to more attacks after one victim told her story to the Sunday Mirror.

Orville Vaughan, 53, pleaded guilty to raping two other women, who came forward after our interview last year with brave shop assistant Melinda Thomas, who we called Jayne at the time.

The mum of four, who has now waived her anonymity, told how Facebook detective work finally saw Vaughan, formerly of Swindon, Wilts, jailed nearly three decades after he raped her and another girl at ages 13 and 16.

Melinda's emotional interview prompted more victims to come forward, and Vaughan was charged with three more counts of historical rape. When he appeared at Swindon Crown Court

4 yrs added to sentence

We put rapist behind bars with facebook

Our story about Vaughan (right)

last month, he pleaded guilty to two counts of rape on two 16-year-olds between 1988 and 1990. He pleaded not guilty to a third rape, which was left to lie on file.

Vaughan was sentenced to another four years, which will be added to the 13-year sentence he is already serving for the original rape charges.

Melinda, 42, of Swindon, said: "The news that this monster has been given another four years is fantastic. If he can be kept off the



streets for ever that would be the best thing."

She had been so traumatised by being raped that it took three years before she found the courage to tell her parents, and she has since suffered panic attacks, breakdowns, palpitations and stress.

Although Vaughan was finally arrested many years later, he was released without charge due to lack of evidence. Melinda's distress was compounded by the fact that Vaughan wasn't punished, so two

years ago she decided to turn detective. She knew Vaughan had preyed on other girls, so she put out an appeal on Facebook asking victims to contact her. Within a week two women responded.

She took the information to the police and the case against Vaughan was reopened. And just over a year later he was jailed for the rape of Melinda in 1984 and the 16-year-old in 1986. He was found not guilty of a third rape of another girl.

VICTIMS

But Melinda was still convinced there were other victims, and that's when she decided to speak out publicly.

DS Rob Findlay, of Wiltshire Police, told how he was contacted by other victims following her interview. He said: "Melinda always maintained there must be other victims and that Vaughan was a serial rapist. She was proved right."

Melinda said: "I want to tell other women it is never too late - go to the police."



Brave...
Melinda