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'Poor Girl' cleared of Drug Dealing Charge.

An 18 year old student was cleared of drug dealing charges at Manchester Crown Courts today. The defendant, Alexandra Myers, was arrested ~~by~~ on 2nd April 2009 at Hillside School for possession of cannabis and was later charged with possession of controlled drug, with intent to supply.

Alexandra Myers was found with two 'spliffs' and four eighths of an ounce of cannabis. PC Mayell told the court this amount was 'beyond doubt, in excess of an ordinary cannabis user'. Alex, the self proclaimed 'heavy user', was able to convince the court all the cannabis was for personal use.

PC Mayell had visited the school on the day of the arrest to present a talk on dangers of cannabis. His trained police dog had sensed the cannabis and indicated to the officer that Alex had cannabis on her possession. The court heard now the constable of Hillside Police Station had been taken off mainstream duties because of an injury to his left ear. The defence team, led by Adam Wood-Thomas used ~~to~~ this last doubt on the reliability of the witness's testimony.

Chris Jones, ~~at~~ the victim of Alex Myers's verbal bullying also failed to convince ~~jury~~ the jury members that Alex was at the bike shed at the morning of the arrest to try and sell her Cannabis. She told the court she now held a 'neutral relationship' with the defendant and had no reason to lie about what she had seen.

Connor MacAdam, QC, told the court that Alex Myers had been 'a poor girl who was at the wrong place at the wrong time'.

~~After her release when the jury came back with the verdict~~

Alexandra Myers seemed to be very relieved when the verdict was given and punched the air as she heard jury members say 'Not Guilty'. She told reporters, after her release, she was happy to be back with her family and wanted to ^{concentrate on} ~~do well with~~ her studies and hopefully follow on to university.

