

## Man, 18, is held after girl attack

A YOUNG man has been arrested in connection with an alleged sexually motivated assault on a teenage schoolgirl near a canal.

The 15-year-old was walking along the Union Canal path, near Ratho, Edinburgh, early on Wednesday evening when she was grabbed from behind.

She told police she struggled free and jumped into the canal to escape.

Officers said the teenager was not injured but had been left shaken as a result of her traumatic experience.

Lothian and Borders Police confirmed an 18-year-old man has been arrested and charged in connection with the alleged incident.

He will appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court tomorrow.

# Dresser on Her Majesty's not so secret service tells all in book

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**GREAT PALS:**  
Angela Kelly is one of Her Majesty's favourite servants



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THE QUEEN'S favourite servant has been granted unprecedented permission to write an intimate account of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee year.

Angela Kelly has been allowed to write the revealing book about being the Queen's right-hand woman as she celebrated 60 years on the throne.

Normally, servants are banned from talking about the Royal Family and have to sign a copy of the Official Secrets Act.

In a sign of how close Angela has become to the Queen, however, she was given a special dispensation to write *Dressing The Queen: The Jubilee Wardrobe*.

Angela, 60, a docker's daughter from Liverpool, said there was very little she could say prior to the book launch next month.

"It's going to be a big surprise when it comes out," she said. A senior Buckingham Palace source

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confirmed that the book, due to be published on November 5, has the Queen's seal of approval. It is being published in-house by the Royal Collection.

The blurb reads: "In this unique publication Angela Kelly tells the story of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee wardrobe.

"The reader is taken behind the scenes to explore how the Queen's concern to be seen by as many people as possible on public engagements and consideration for her hosts influence the design of what she wears.

"The book follows the entire creative process...and celebrates the many remarkable highlights of the Diamond Jubilee year."

There had been rumours that Angela, nicknamed AK47 because of her fiery temper, had planned to write a more warts-and-all book.

She would only say: "I couldn't possibly comment on that." How-

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ever, a Palace spokesman denied the idea, insisting: "It was always going to be a book about dresses."

News of the expose has sent shockwaves through Buckingham Palace, where staff are actively discouraged from discussing life with the royals outside the gates.

Last night a royal insider said: "Everyone is talking about Angela and her book. No one can comprehend how she's got away with it.

"We all have to sign the Official Secrets Act and a contract which specifically rules out talking or writing about royal service."

Although this book has been sanctioned, servants who have written about the royals in the past have been regarded as "the lowest of the low", since the Queen's childhood governess Marion Crawford brought out her book *The Little Princesses* in 1950.

Even today members of the family call betrayal "doing a Crawfie".

A 60-year-old grandmother and a former member of the Women's Royal Army Corps, Angela began working for the Queen in 1993.

The Monarch once told her: "We could be sisters" and last month twice-divorced Kelly was appointed a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order for "distinguished personal service to the Sovereign".

From simply being the Queen's dresser, Kelly now designs many of her outfits and holds the lengthy title of PA, adviser and curator to HM The Queen (Jewellery Insignias and Wardrobe).

She has been credited with transforming the Queen's image, but other servants refer to her as the Queen's "gatekeeper" and resent her closeness to the Monarch.

"The Queen adores Angela and there is no doubt she has done a fantastic job with her clothes," said one senior member of staff.

"They get on like a house on fire and when they walk along the

Palace corridors you can hear them laughing and joking together but it's fair to say there is a certain amount of jealousy."

A Roman Catholic, Angela has her own grace and favour home at Windsor Castle and drives a Land-Rover Freelander.

In a rare interview in 2007 she said: "I don't know why the Queen seems fond of me because I don't give her an easy time!

"I know my place, I would never discuss affairs of state with the Queen. I come from a humble background and I like to think I have stayed humble."

Angela has courted controversy in the past as she rose in the royal ranks. In 1999 she was found rolling around on the ground at the Palace having a fight with a maid 20 years her junior.

She accused Hannah Coulett of seeing her then boyfriend, palace pastry chef Tony Ferrerole, who

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was married to someone else. Police had to pull them apart and Ferrerole later left service. His wife Sarah said: "All I know about Angela Kelly is that she had an affair with my husband."

Four years later Kelly hit the headlines again when she lost her temper waiting for her lunch and threw a bag of rubbish at a caterer.

In 2008 she tried to enter the Palace without her pass. When detained by police, she demanded: "Don't you know who I am?"

Kelly was pinned to the ground after going berserk, but, as always, the Queen turned a blind eye.

In 2009 her design partner Alison Pordum quit the Palace, saying she was tired of playing "second fiddle" to the "self-important" Kelly.

In her 2007 interview Kelly said: "I don't have any more room for knives in my back. Some people have made up all sorts of stories but most are very supportive."