

## Man break girlfriend's leg in scam plan

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PLYMOUTH, England -- A British man has pleaded guilty to breaking his girlfriend's leg -- with her permission -- in an attempt to cheat the local government out of \$200,000. Gordon Thomson pleaded guilty to breaking his then-girlfriend Elizabeth Hingston's leg in October 2006 as part of a plan to sue the local government by claiming she was hit by a falling wall, The Daily Mail reported Wednesday. However, the fraud was foiled when police found a video recording on a cell phone of Thomson inflicting the injury on Hingston. "They shot it in a house and you can see Elizabeth lie on the floor," said a friend of Thomson who has seen the footage. "Gordon, who is a big guy, then jumped on her leg with both feet." "It was horrible-- you could hear a cracking sound. It still makes me sick thinking about it," she said. Thomson's sentencing was postponed until next month pending a psychiatric evaluation, but Judge Frances Gilbert told the defendant to expect prison time.

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