

Iraqi asylum cheat who got £700,000 in benefits, three houses and private school for her son

By Nick McDermott

AN asylum seeker bought three homes and sent her son to a fee-paying school by illegally obtaining more than £700,000 in benefits, a court heard.

Mahira Bushara Al-Azawi, 48, used a series of false identities to milk Britain's tax benefit system over eight years.

Although she never worked, she was able to pocket three mortgages worth a total of £1.1 million.

The 18-year-old son was educated at Cole's School, in Slough, near London, where fees are currently £4,164 a term. The boy was successfully applied for a student loan to study civil engineering at Greenwich University.

When police raided her £400,000 detached house in the early 1990s they found a large collection of passports, identity papers and driving licences. She had converted the garage into an office and described herself as a neighbour to an internet entrepreneur.

She had also obtained two mortgages by claiming she was a self-employed bookkeeper.

Judge Stephen Waller jailed Al-Azawi by three years for her various forms of fraud, including the use of false names and identities.

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