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## **Police arrest girl who faked rape**

SIMI VALLEY, Calif., May 20 (UPI) -- California police have arrested a 13-year-old girl, who recanted a claim of sexual assault, on suspicion of filing a false report.

The unidentified girl is the fourth Simi Valley teen in two weeks to face the misdemeanor charge. Investigators say she recently moved to Simi Valley from the San Fernando Valley and made up the March 20 sexual assault in hopes of returning to Los Angeles.

"This is an extreme waste of our resources," said Simi Valley police Sgt. Joe May.

In the past two weeks, three other Simi Valley girls have recanted their claims of being sexually attacked by masked men. They also were charged with filing false police reports.

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