

## **Girl charged with false rape claim**

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Athens-Clarke police have charged two Clarke Central High School students after one of them claimed she was raped in a school rest room Tuesday afternoon.

Investigators charged the 14-year-old girl on Thursday afternoon with falsely reporting a crime and charged a 16-year-old boy with statutory rape, according to police. Both were charged as juveniles.

Police would not say why the girl made the false claim.

"Her mother told us today she hired an attorney, so I'm not going to get into any of that," Athens-Clarke police Capt. Clarence Holeman said Thursday.

Investigators immediately questioned the girl's allegation that she'd been raped after they saw a school surveillance video that shows she willingly followed the boy into a third-floor rest room, police said.

The girl reported that she was in a hallway on a lower floor when the boy pulled her upstairs and into the rest room and forced her to have sex, according to police.

The girl didn't tell anyone at school that she'd been raped, and she made the claim hours later, after she ran errands with her mother and broke down crying at home, police said.

The girl wouldn't tell her mother why she was crying, but later told a cousin that she'd been raped, according to police.

Both students face school discipline, Clarke Central High School Principal Maxine Eason said.

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