

Brooklyn nun confesses to making up rape story to cover affair she was having in convent

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A nun falsely cried rape to cover up an illicit sexual relationship she was having with a shop worker she had sneaked into her convent through the back door.

Mary Turcotte, 26, told police she had been assaulted in the street by a man who left her lying in the snow.

But days after an appeal was put out and an investigation begun she admitted to making the whole thing up.

The nun said she needed an alibi to cover up the fact she had been having an improper tryst with an acquaintance.



False claim: The Christian Apostles of Infinite Love convent in Flatbush, Brooklyn. Nun Mary Turcotte fabricated a rape story to cover sexual liaisons with a friend

Turcotte has now left the Christian Apostles of Infinite Love convent in Brooklyn, New York.

A woman who answered the door at the convent told the New York Daily News that Turcotte had suffered an 'emotional break'.

'Nothing happened, none of it,' she said.

'It was all proven to be false. It wasn't her fault. She is going to move out and we are going to get her some help.'

Police were initially helpful towards Turcotte when she claimed she had been the victim of a sexual assault on January 22 as she made her way back to the convent.

She claimed that a 250lbs black man aged between 40 and 50 standing at 6ft 4in tall grabbed her and choked her until she passed out before carrying out the rape.

Officers however became suspicious because they thought the sight of a nun in her habit being dragged along would have attracted more attention.

It was not long afterwards that Turcotte owned up and the probe was cancelled. She has not been charged with any crime and the identity of her lover remains a mystery.

The Apostles of Love convent appears to be linked to the sect by the same name based in Quebec that was founded in the 1960s by a defrocked Catholic priest who ordained himself Pope.

It has been denounced in France as a cult and has in the past successfully fended off allegations of child abuse, the Daily News said. Nobody at the nunnery would discuss its affiliation.