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The third article, *Sexual assault enquiry dropped*, appeared on the front page of the August 14, 2012 issue.

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UUP councillor Olive Mercer said the news will almost certainly worry those who use the park.

"I was completely shocked to hear that such an incident took place in Dromore," said Mrs Mercer. "People should be able to walk in their local park without fear of attack. People will now likely be wary of walking alone, especially at night-time and that is a sad situation."

But DUP councillor Hazel Gamble said she is hopeful people will not be deterred from enjoying their local area.

"I would not want to scaremonger people - but I

understand there will be concerns after this incident.

"My thoughts are with the young girl and her family and, after speaking with local police who are investigating the situation, I hope people can continue to feel safe in their local area by taking suitable precautions as best they can when out walking."

Sinn Fein councillor Paul Gribben said the situation is very worrying indeed.

"This is a big shock for the people of the area - the man who has done this is potentially on the loose so people will naturally worry.

"I think there could be a knock-on effect with regard to people feeling safe in the area. I urge anyone with information to contact police."

UUP councillor Carol Black said she local police had assured her they had increased their presence in the town.

"We are hoping this incident is a one-off," said Ms Black. "Dromore is a safe place to be and we want people to know that. Police have increased their presence in the area since last night."

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Dromore Park remained cordoned off on Monday morning

Sexual assault enquiry dropped

FURTHER to a report in last week's Leader that a woman had been sexually assaulted at Dromore's town park on Sunday night (August 5), a file is being prepared for the PPS in relation to false allegations made by a 22-year-old woman.

Shortly before the Leader went to press last week

police said they had received a report that a woman had been subjected to a sexual assault by a male "in the area of Mills Park" around 10pm.

Police later confirmed that, following further enquiries, they were no longer investigating the alleged assault.