

Stadium toilet rape ‘never happened’: police

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Stockholm police have confirmed that they have closed their investigation into an alleged rape at a Stockholm football stadium on Monday night after new information indicated that the attack had never occurred.

"Details have come to light indicating that it hasn't happened. We have held interviews with friends and acquaintances, and see no reason to continue the investigation," said Sven-Olof Karlsson at Stockholm police to the Nyheter24 newssite.

The Local reported on Tuesday that a 19-year-old woman had approached police to report an alleged rape which she claimed had occurred during a match between Hammarby and visiting Halmstad at Söderstadion in southern Stockholm.

According to media reports, the woman had told police that she was on her way out of the toilet at the stadium when a man confronted her and forced her back inside.

She claimed that he had then proceeded to rape her until she had been able to call out for a friend.

Sven-Olof Karlsson was unwilling to specify the exact nature of the woman's report.

"I can't go in to what she has said or not said. But with the information we have, we can't proceed with the case, unless something exceptional occurs," he told Nyheter24.

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