

Woman claims lawyer added 'gang-rape' in complaint against employers

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BAREILLY: A woman, who worked as peon in a private institute, accused a school manager and principal of allegedly gang-raping her after sacking her from the job, but she backtracked when senior cops, including the deputy inspector general (DIG), range, summoned her to seek her view. She claimed that the rape charge was included by the lawyer who drafted the complaint without informing her. She had approached the lawyer after she was sacked from the job.

Sharing the details with TOI on Saturday, DIG, range, R K S Rathor, said, "The 40-year-old widow, who worked as a class four employee in an Inter College at Bhojipura, in her complaint alleged that she was removed from her job unceremoniously by the school principal and manager. She also alleged that on the same day, the principal and the manager, along with two others, gang-raped her after taking her to a desolate spot inside the school building."

"Shocked at the allegation, I summoned the woman to my office on Friday and I asked her as to how this ghastly crime took place and what were the reasons behind the same. To my astonishment the woman backtracked from the allegation saying that she had never made any such allegations and no incident of rape had taken place. I was working as a class four employee in an inter college and I was removed from the job without assigning any reason by the principal and the school manager," Rathor said.

The woman told the DIG that a lawyer assured to help her. The lawyer drafted a complaint on her behalf and asked her to put her thumb impression on the complaint. Later, he asked the woman to petition the DIG and it was here when

she came to know that the lawyer had filed the false rape charge without informing her, said the DIG.

Rathor said it was a serious matter, and instructed the circle officer to talk to the school authorities and persuade them to adopt a humanitarian approach while dealing with the issue of sacking the widow. Besides, directions have been issued to trace the said lawyer.

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