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Teenage girl 'made up rape claim'

A teenage girl has been officially reprimanded for wasting police time after detectives concluded she had made a false rape allegation.

A major investigation began after the 17-year-old claimed she was attacked by one of two men who she said followed her into Chapel Path, Bexhill, Sussex.

Police said false rape claims were "treated as a very serious matter".

But they added that they would always thoroughly investigate when any person came forward as a rape victim.

The girl said she was assaulted on 8 June, and she also gave suspect descriptions to police.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/sussex/6765551.stm>