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# Madison woman facing possible charges over false rape report, police say

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Fitchburg police say they are considering charges against a 25-year-old Madison woman who made up a story about being sexually assaulted to avoid having to explain that she spent the night at a friend's home.

Police have not yet identified the woman, who told police Saturday that she was assaulted after getting into a man's vehicle in the 3300 block of Leopold Way on Friday afternoon.

The woman had told police that the man offered to drive her to a gas station after her own car broke down. While she was in the vehicle, a

second man who had been hiding in the vehicle attacked her, she initially told police, and the men did not release her from the vehicle for several hours.

The entire incident was made up, police said. The woman reportedly was trying to cover up her whereabouts after leaving her son at her mother's Madison home Friday afternoon and failing to return until Saturday.

Lt. Todd Stetzer said the department spent more than 30 hours on the case and may seek restitution from the woman.

[http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/crime\\_and\\_courts/madison-woman-facing-possible-charges-over-false-rape-report-police/article\\_f38acf0c-d4b9-11de-86ad-001cc4c03286.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/crime_and_courts/madison-woman-facing-possible-charges-over-false-rape-report-police/article_f38acf0c-d4b9-11de-86ad-001cc4c03286.html)