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Police fine woman who cried rape

A WOMAN who claimed she was raped in Watford High Street has been fined £80 for wasting police time.

Detectives discovered the allegation by the 29-year-old Watford woman was false, after going through CCTV pictures, but not before two men had been arrested and were facing a court appearance.

The woman had gone to police and claimed that she was raped in Watford High Street on Thursday, December 8, at 3.10am.

The fixed penalty notice, similar to those issued for driving offences, was given opposed to a more serious charge of perverting the course of justice, when the woman promptly admitted she had made the story up during questioning.

A police spokesman said the woman's name had not been released because her details were not in the public domain, which would be the case if the matter had gone to court.

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