

Woman jailed for 2 years after falsely claiming she was raped

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False rape claim lands woman 2 years in prison

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Sharlene James was found guilty of perverting the course of justice after sparking fear that a serial sex attacker was at large in the city.

Whilst at Lewes Crown Court yesterday, the jury heard how she claimed to have been pulled into the New Steine community gardens and raped by a man who tried to talk to her.

Detective Chief Inspector Carwyn Hughes said, "Police were already investigating a number of incidents in the Kemp Town area when this allegation was made.

"As in all cases, we took this very seriously and were quick to respond.

"On launching an extensive investigation we quickly concluded that this offence did not take place and aside from raising unnecessary anxiety and alarm, many hours were wasted that could have been put to better use investigating genuine reports of crime."



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Credit: Sussex Police

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