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Jamie Lamb, 26, told police she had been subjected to a brutal sexual assault in the early hours of Saturday, July 14, at her former home in Esthers Lane, Weaverham. But she was later charged after police decided she had made it up.

The case against a 57-year-old man arrested on suspicion of the attack was dropped, and Cheshire Constabulary claimed it wasted £30,000 in man hours investigating a crime which had never happened.

But magistrates sitting at Knutsford Crown Court cleared Miss Lamb – now of Fir Grove, Weaverham – on Wednesday, after a three-day trial.

The mum-of-two told the court the attacker slashed her face, stomach and legs with a knife after raping her. Despite the verdict, police said they will not be re-opening the original investigation.

After the hearing Det Sgt Colin Westgate, of Northwich Specialist Investigation Unit, told the Chronicle: “Cheshire Police fully respects the decision of the court.”

He added: “As far as we are concerned, the case is closed,

“We are absolutely confident the suspect who we arrested and eliminated is an innocent man.”

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