

## UPDATE: Warning after police time wasted by hoax rape claim

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### **POLICE have this afternoon (Wednesday) released a statement saying that the girl who claimed she was raped has admitted that she lied.**

We revealed online this morning that the case had been stopped after the teenager retracted her statement.

Officers put out a warning that other timewasters may face charges - but no action will be taken against the 17-year-old in this case.

The girl told police she was forced off the street and raped in the grounds of Warwickshire College's Rugby Centre at about midnight on Saturday.

A police spokesperson said a few minutes ago: "The woman has been interviewed by officers this week in relation to the allegation and this morning admitted that the incident did not take place."

Detective Chief Inspector Adrian Pearson said: "Warwickshire Police is committed to protecting people from harm and we take all reports of sexual assault seriously.

"We do not want to discourage any victim from coming forward with genuine reports, which we know can be difficult for them, but anyone who makes a false allegation effectively wastes police time and resources and should be warned that action may be taken against them.

"On Sunday a major investigation was launched and I would like to thank all members of the public who came forward to help us by responding to the appeals for information."

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