

## Van 'rape' did not take place, police have said

There was an extensive appeal for information after the allegation was made

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A shocking rape 'attack' on a woman in a van never took place, police have said.

The alleged attack, said to have happened when a man dragged a woman in to a van on a driveway in Hucclecote, Gloucester last month, did not happen police said today.

After the allegation was made, police appealed for anyone with dashcam footage in and around Elmgrove Road, Hucclecote to get in touch.

"Following further inquiries into an alleged serious sexual assault in Hucclecote on Thursday, December 7, we would now like to update and reassure the community

"We appreciate the alarm the original report caused within the community and we hope residents understand that, as we always do with such serious reports, police have taken the time to carry out a thorough investigation and understand the true picture.

"Police have considered all of the circumstances around this report, but have concluded that no further action will be taken in any regard.

"We continue to encourage victims of sexual assaults to come forward and speak to the police. Our officers are specially trained and will help ensure you receive the support you need.

"However if you feel you are unable to speak to the police but you would like to discuss your options or seek support, contact Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre on 01452 526 770 or the Sexual Assault Referral Centre on 01452 754 39

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