

Woman admits she lied about being raped

Nesquehoning resident accused neighbor in 2001. DNA exonerated him.

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A Nesquehoning woman admitted Tuesday in Carbon County Court that she falsely accused a neighbor of raping her, and had semen from at least two other men on her clothes.

Mary Ann Galgoci, 42, of 544 E. Railroad St., pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of giving false reports and unsworn falsification to authorities.

Judge Roger N. Nanovic deferred sentencing, and ordered her to get mental health and drug and alcohol evaluations before her next court appearance.

Galgoci told Nanovic she understood her rights, but said nothing about the case.

Nesquehoning police said Galgoci called them Dec. 11, 2001, from the emergency room of Gnaden Huetten Memorial Hospital in Lehighton and said she had been raped by neighbor Robert Paul.

Galgoci repeated her claim in oral and written statements for police later that day.

Police took her clothes and a doctor took test samples from her body with swabs. They were tested at a state police laboratory, and semen was found on several pieces of clothes, but not from swabs taken from her body.

Meanwhile, Nesquehoning Police Chief Sean Smith interviewed Paul, who offered to take a lie detector test, and provided a blood sample for DNA testing.

His blood was tested at a state police laboratory, and a scientist determined his DNA did not match the samples from Galgoci's clothes.

"The report also indicated that the DNA obtained from [Galgoci's clothes] ... is consistent with DNA from more than one person," Smith wrote in an affidavit of probable cause.

Efforts to reach Paul were unsuccessful.

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