

Rape probe called off

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Police descended on a quiet village in Wigan after a young girl claimed she had been raped.

Forensics teams scoured the site of the alleged attack, at the junction of Eckersley Fold Lane and Leigh Road in Howe Bridge.

However, the search was called off after the girl who made the allegations withdrew them yesterday afternoon.

A police spokesman said the girl who made the allegations had admitted that any activity had been consensual. He said: "Detectives are no longer investigating the report of a rape after the female involved retracted her statement.

"An officer will be speaking to the girl under caution."

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