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False rape report results in probation for woman

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CORUNNA — A Perry woman was sentenced to probation in 66th District Court by Judge Ward Clarkson for falsely reporting to police that she had been a victim of a sexual assault.

Rebekah Olszewski, 18, of Perry, told police she had been raped Dec. 16 after leaving the Countryside Village office building by a white suspect wearing black with a black ski mask.

Michigan State Police deployed a K-9 unit to the scene to search for the alleged attacker.

“She said that she was leaving a clubhouse and a white male had pulled her behind a dumpster and raped her,” Shiawassee County Sheriff’s Office Lt. Cory Carson said.

Carson added that when interviewed, Olszewski told investigators the alleged assault did not take place, and she had fabricated the incident in order to obtain psychiatric care.

Olszewski was arrested Jan. 4 and pleaded not guilty at her arraignment the same day to falsely reporting a felony, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Olszewski requested a trial by jury, but changed her mind at a Jan. 22 plea hearing, when prosecutors dropped her charge to misdemeanor attempted lying to police as part of a plea agreement.

Clarkson sentenced Olszewski to six months of probation and a \$225 fine. She was also ordered to perform 10 sessions of community service, instead of serving a 10-day jail sentence.

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