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Police Confirm False Rape



A rape reported earlier this year on the University of Sioux Falls campus didn't happen after all. Police confirmed the false report today. A 19-year-old woman reported being raped January 30th as she walked to her dormitory around 11 o'clock that night, but police now say the report is unfounded. When laboratory tests came back negative, investigators went to talk to the victim, who confirmed that she made the whole thing up. Police had been suspicious for weeks, but had to have proof before putting the word out. The student no longer attends USF. Police say she has personal problems and mental competency issues that may have contributed to the false report. Campus security was beefed up at Augustana College and the University of Sioux Falls in the wake of the rape report. Security guards escorted women around campus at night and some women even took self defense classes as a result. Later today on KELOLAND News, we'll have reaction from USF students.

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