

## **LAW & DISORDER: Police seek woman they say recanted rape claim after ex-firefighter's arrest**

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Police issued an arrest warrant for a woman they said recanted a rape claim after they arrested a former Jacksonville firefighter for the crime.

Police say Amy Sutton-Slack, 47, of Hephzibah, Ga., changed her story in a phone conversation with detectives the day after they arrested Daniel Foote.

His April 21 arrest came after authorities recently matched his DNA to the result of a rape kit authorities collected after Sutton-Slack's August 2006 claim.

Police said the woman told them then that a stranger broke into her house while she was vacuuming and assaulted her. But authorities said Sutton-Slack told detectives in the recent phone call they taped that she had consensual sex with Foote. Sutton-Slack also apologized for wasting detectives' time, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Foote's DNA was on record because the 54-year-old pleaded guilty to three counts of bribery last year. That happened after an undercover sting exposed unauthorized visits to a jail inmate work crew he supervised in his fire department duties. His sentence included three years of house arrest and an order to retire from his firefighting job.

In the recent case, Foote spent a few days in jail in lieu of \$300,000 bail before authorities let him go on a no-money recognizance bond. Foote's lawyer said then that the woman had changed her story and the State Attorney's Office confirmed there was a significant development.

On Saturday, computerized court records didn't indicate that authorities had dropped the case.

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