



Police hold woman after 'rape' claim

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A woman has begged police not to arrest her for perjury after she lied about being raped to get anti-retroviral treatment following unprotected sex with her boyfriend, police in Soshanguve said.

Clinic staff refused to treat her until she reported the "rape" to the police, said Pretoria police spokesperson Captain Piletji Sebola.

So, she told detectives she was raped by a man she met next to a school in Soshanguve at 9pm on Friday night, he said.

On investigation, however, they found discrepancies between her version of events and those of her family, who said she was next door at her boyfriend's home at the time of the alleged rape.

Her boyfriend admitted that she had spent the night there and that they had had sex, initially using condoms, but later without protection.

Police suspect that when she went to a local clinic at 6am - where she first made the rape claim - it was to obtain anti-retroviral therapy.

The woman later broke-down, admitting she had laid a false rape case, said Sebola. Despite her pleas not to be arrested, police took her into custody for perjury.

The woman will remain in custody until tomorrow when she is due to appear in the Soshanguve Magistrate's Court, said Sebola. - Sapa

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