

# 35-YEAR-OLD MAN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF VENTNOR GRAVEYARD RAPE

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**Police have arrested an Isle of Wight man on suspicion of rape following an incident in broad daylight in Ventnor yesterday (Tuesday).**

As previously reported by *Island Echo*, officers sealed off an area of the graveyard at St Catherine's Church early yesterday evening as part of an investigation into a serious sexual assault against a woman.

It has been confirmed this morning that a 35-year-old man from Sandown has been arrested on suspicion of rape.

The incident is said to have occurred at around 17:30.

A spokesperson for Hampshire Constabulary has told *Island Echo*:

“Officers are investigating following an incident which took place in the church yard on Church Street, Ventnor at around 5.30pm on Tuesday, 18 June.

“A 35-year-old man from Sandown has been arrested on suspicion of rape. He is currently in police custody.”

The woman is being supported by specialist officers at this time.





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## NO FURTHER ACTION FOR MAN FALSELY ACCUSED OF VENTNOR 'RAPE'

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**An Isle of Wight man accused of raping a woman in Ventnor last month will face no further action as it has been deemed the allegation made against him was falsified.**

As previously reported by *Island Echo*, Police cordoned off a section of St Catherine's Church graveyard on 18th June following an allegation made to Hampshire Constabulary that a woman had been raped in broad daylight.

A 35-year-old man from Sandown was arrested in a local restaurant in connection with the incident. He was subsequently bailed to return to Newport Police Station on 16th July.

Investigations carried out by detectives have revealed that the allegation was in fact false. The alleged rape did not take place. The 35-year-old man has since been informed that no further action will be taken against him in relation to this matter – a fact confirmed by Hampshire Constabulary today (Sunday).

The woman who made the false allegation tells *Island Echo* that she is deeply sorry and has a lot of remorse for her actions. She is being supported at this time by appropriate agencies.

It has been confirmed that the man and woman are known to one another.

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