



Police find MTU rape report to be false

The woman who reported the assault has told police it did not happen

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 6:02 p.m.

HOUGHTON -- Police say the alleged sexual assault that took place on the Michigan Tech campus last month was false.

After a three-week investigation, the woman who said she was sexually assaulted March 23 in the library parking lot has told police the assault did not take place.

The woman is a Michigan Tech student.

The Houghton County Prosecutor's Office is reviewing the case to determine if charges will be filed against the student.

This is the second false rape report in Houghton in the past three weeks.

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Why is she not prosecuted?

Posted by Tom L, NY - Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 4:43 p.m.

This woman should be named, charged, prosecuted and jailed for a long time (she is a danger to the community).

Contrary to the politically correct feminist propaganda, women DO lie about rape. Studies made at different times and in different countries show false rape cases to be between 30% - 70% of cases. The Innocence Project which uses DNA to exonerate falsely imprisoned people has freed dozen of innocent inmates. *the overwhelming majority of them were convicted on

rape charges*.

Feminists are often quoting a 2% rate of false reporting. This has been quoted from one feminist to another, without any basis, any study, any research.(look it up for yourself if you don't believe me)

Either way, it's sad

Posted by Anne Lindsay, Marquette - Friday, April 17, 2009 at 8:27 a.m.

If this woman is simply rescinding her story because of pressure from her agressor, then that is truly sad, and I hope she re-gains the courage to come forward again and help him face the consequences.

If this woman truly did file a false report, then I sincerely hope she gets both the help she needs (because clearly there is something going on mentally here) and the punishment she deserves. If it is simply a false report, then her actions help discredit the stories of the thousands of true attacks that happen each year.

Also, I hope that if the story is false, the accused attacker can somehow acheive a new sense of normalcy in his life, and regain his reputation. Finally, I hope the community at large remembers that for every one man who would commit such a heinous crime as sexual assault, there are thousands who would put themselves in harm's way to protect a woman.

Yankees rule

Posted by S W, Houghton County - Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 6:31 p.m.

You're right, if there's no smoke, there's no fire. I guess having no physical evidence, no DNA evidence, and someone who ADMITTED they falsely reported the crime, would mean there was no crime.

Maybe, if it is true, that she is being bullied or whatever, if they charge her with a felony for false reporting, that she'll change her mind.

My neighbor had been accused of assaulting a woman years ago. He got arrested in the middle of the night, had to bond himself out of jail, and took it to trial. He had 20+ witnesses that said she was in a bar fight, and he wasn't there, and others who were with him and could verify his story.

Did she ever get charged with false reporting? Nope

When did it become acceptable

Posted by Yankees Rule, Htn - Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 6:11 p.m.

To think that I can have whatever I want from you:
a) because you are drunk
b) because you dressed for it
c) because "you came here wanting something"
d) because you are not as strong as me
e) because I am older and more well known
f) because it's late and I didn't know what I was doing
g) because you said no, but didn't mean it

Really guys, keep your pants on, and your ego in check. If there is no smoke, there is no fire.

Just because these two incidents are reported false, does not mean there is not a mentality of male superiority here. It makes it worse when you know there are people who know what it was that threatened these women, yet with this report, that action is OK... and will be repeated over and over again.

A false report of rape is a sign that life is threatened and the public safety officers are not taking this seriously. WAKE UP... THESE ARE CRIMES, AND CRIES FOR HELP FOR SOMEONE IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY.

Like seeing an able bodied male floating in the water, do you walk past, or call and see if he is OK? If no answer do you suspect he is sleeping or do you get help? These women are being threatened, with either close contact, or bullying... DO SOMETHING BESIDES BLAMING THE MESSENGER!

Brighten up your campus, offer flashlights to students, provide a better tip network, or just listen to your community and then act, remember you work FOR US THE PUBLIC, not for the accused rapist. If you can justify giving me a speeding ticket, but cannot stop the car break-ins or assaults, then give me my taxes back, I will do this myself (with a little help from my posse).

Glad I have the concealed weapons permit!

I agree

Posted by From Da, UP - Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 4:06 p.m.

Mr. Helmer, I completely agree with you. False reports lead to more trouble for any person involved in a case like this!! Not only a person that has been accused or questioned for this type of crime, but it also makes it harder for someone that has been "raped" to convince the proper authorities that it actually happened. I don't give a rat's backside of their "mental state" or how they were/are feeling, you just don't wake up one day feeling bad about your life and decide "I think I will make a story up about being raped." If that is the case, perhaps a head examination should be next on the "Things to do List!"

IF they are being pressured to back away from their stories, someone should pay for that also.

to hmmm...

Posted by melissa smith, marquette - Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 1:02 p.m.

I agree with you. Everyone on this site always knows how the victim/accused is feeling or thinking. We have no clue why this happened. I was thinking the same thing last night when watching the news. It sure is strange that there were two false reports within weeks of each other.

hmmm...

Posted by P M, Ishpeming - Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 10:37 a.m.

Hopefully this crime did not really happen. Hopefully these women are not receiving pressure to back off. Two in three weeks?? hmmm...

WHAT THE HECK !

Posted by Jack Bullabaka, Yooperville - Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 9:31 a.m.

Why are people so stupid to go to the extreme of lying about reporting a crime like this! I just wonder what she had been doing prior to her filing the false report. My guess is she was having a little too much fun with whomever she was with and did not want to get pregnant. Does this sound logical?

False Accusation Punishment

Posted by Dan Helmer, Marquette, MI - Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 9:04 a.m.

I've seen it here at MSU before - allegations that later turn out to be false, and in the process, a young man's life is turned upside down. Kicked out of the dorms, suspended - all on an accusation that had no truth. It takes away from the real victims.

I am a firm believer that women that do this should face the same punishment the accused was facing. If he faced 10 years based on her lie, then that's what she should get.

agreed

Posted by S W, Houghton County - Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 1:18 a.m.

750.411a False report of crime; violation; penalty; payment of costs by juvenile.

Sec. 411a.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person who intentionally makes a false report of the commission of a crime, or intentionally causes a false report of the commission of a crime to be made, to a peace officer, police agency of this state or of a local unit of government, 9-1-1 operator, or any other governmental employee or contractor or employee of a contractor who is authorized to receive reports of a crime, knowing the report is false, is guilty of a crime as follows:

(a) If the report is a false report of a misdemeanor, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(b) If the report is a false report of a felony, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by

imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or both.
I'm sure rape is a felony, so she needs to be charged with a felony.

false rape

Posted by d h, ishpeming - Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 11:47 p.m.

The woman should be expelled and jailed- She makes it bad for other women that would be raped-

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Posted by Courtney Field, Escanaba - Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

They should not let the woman get away with this! AT ALL! It sucks to know a woman can cry rape or anything sexual about a man and ruin their life! All woman who cry this need a serious brain scanning because in most cases they go looking to "GET SOME" from a guy and if they dont get what they want, well watch out! Seriously this lady needs to GET A LIFE!