

False rape claim leads to arrest

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False rape allegations led to a Roanoke Rapids woman's arrest on Tuesday.

Wendy June Howell, 35, was charged with filing a false report to a police station, according to a press release from Detective Sgt. W. Murphy Jr. of the Criminal Investigations Division with the Halifax County Sheriff's Office.

Howell had filed a report with the Sheriff's Office on Jan. 4, Murphy said this morning, adding Howell was familiar with the person she claimed raped her in the Roanoke Rapids area.

Murphy stated in the release during the investigation, he discerned the allegations to be fictitious.

This morning, Murphy said when Howell came in for another interview on Tuesday, she confessed.

“The investigation is closed,” Murphy said. “But I will not disclose what led to her confession.”

Howell was given a \$500 unsecured bond and is awaiting a Feb. 25 court appearance.

Murphy said Lt. Joe Sealey, Murphy’s supervisor, helped in the interviewing process.

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