

Knifepoint rape of Hamilton schoolgirl false complaint

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The rape reportedly took place near the watertower at Hamilton Lake.

The alleged knifepoint rape of a Hamilton schoolgirl at Hamilton's Lake Rotoroa was found to be a false complaint, police say.

The 15-year-old claimed a man attacked and raped her near the water tower as she walked home from school in daylight on September 2014.

The incident sparked concern among nearby residents around Lake Rotoroa after a series of incidents at the lake.

After an extensive investigation, Detective Sergeant Kristine Clarke, of Hamilton's Child Protection Team, said the complaint was found to be untrue.

"Police are not able to comment any further on the specifics of this investigation, however we did want to provide some reassurance to the local community and visitors to the lake area, who were naturally very concerned about public safety following this complaint," said Clarke.

"We'd also like to thank the public for the huge amount of information and assistance they provided as we worked through this investigation."

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