



Sheriff: Woman files false rape report to cover up affair

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Investigators say Rebecca Rainey falsely claimed to have been raped. (Source: WAFF)

ATHENS, AL (WAFF) - An Athens woman has been charged with filing a false report after she told deputies she was raped Monday night.

Investigator Leslie Ramsey said Rebecca Rainey told her she was raped by her husband's best friend while her husband was in the hospital.

After Rainey failed to provide details, investigators decided to look at Rainey's cell phone to see what the conversations had been between her and the alleged offender. At that point, Rainey told investigators there were texts between her and her husband's best friend where the two had planned to meet and have consensual sex.

"Rainey recanted and admitted that basically she didn't want to get caught having an affair and if she had been caught that she could explain it away as rape," Ramsey said.

Investigators said they wasted four to five hours on the case that turned out to be made up. Given the time spent and the seriousness of the false allegations, investigators arrested Rainey for filing a false report.

"Rape is one of those crimes we do see falsely reported and it's a very very serious crime," Ramsey said. "You can't come in here and use that powerful word to explain away wrongdoing."

Ramsey also said she doesn't want to discourage any actual rape victims from coming forward and this was a case where there were clear, provable facts that the alleged victim had lied.

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