

Greenbrier police: Rape allegation false

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Officials with the Greenbrier Police Department have confirmed that an 11-year-old girl had lied when she claimed to have been abducted and raped.

The story first appeared in the Log Cabin Democrat in April after the girl claimed to have been abducted as she walked home from the Glenn Drive area.

Greenbrier Police Chief Lt. Gene Earnhart said that after authorities received tests results from the Arkansas State crime lab, they interviewed the girl again at which time she admitted that the incident did not happen.

“It was evident when we received the results from the samples we had sent to be tested that the incident did not occur,” he said. “When we asked the girl’s mother to bring her in to be interviewed, the little girl confessed that the incident did not occur.”

Earnhart confirmed that personnel had dedicated hundreds of hours to the case and said that the incident is unfortunate.

“In a way, I am glad that the incident did not happen because it means something horrible did not occur, but it was also a lot of wasted time and effort for the department,” he said.

The outcome of this incident marks the second time within months that false rape allegations have been discovered. The Conway Police Department investigated a case in March involving a 15-year-old girl who told officers that a man had broken into her home and raped her. Investigators later discovered that the girl made up the allegations. Charges of filing a false police report were filed against the girl in the Conway case. It is not known at this time if the Greenbrier girl will also face charges.

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