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Woman jailed for false rape claim

A WOMAN who falsely claimed she had been raped has been jailed.

Siobhan Curran, 25, claimed a taxi driver had sexually assaulted her on a lonely country road.

Detectives launched a full investigation after she told them that the alleged incident had taken place on January 3 this year.

Curran, from Blackburn, West Lothian, initially denied wasting police time by lying to police at Livingston Police Station and had been due to stand trial.

But at Livingston Sheriff Court, yesterday, she changed her plea to guilty and was sentenced to 120 days' imprisonment.

She admitted falsely representing to detective constable Phil Shepherd that an unknown male taxi driver had raped her. She claimed she was at an unknown location near Philpstoun, West Lothian, at the time.

The court heard that she caused officers to devote their time and services to the investigation, temporarily depriving the public of their services and rendering innocent people liable to suspicion and accusation.

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