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NDSU student gets time served for filing false rape report

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Mary Gullickson, who resides on campus, was arrested without incident at the campus police station, according to NDSU police Lt. Gregory Stone.

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Mary Kate Gullickson, 20, pleaded guilty in her first appearance in Cass County District Court since being arrested by campus police Tuesday.

Prosecutors in the case asked for Gullickson to be sentenced to time served for the Class A misdemeanor, with a year of supervised probation during which she was set to receive a psychiatric evaluation and to follow through with the treatment recommended for her.

Judge Douglas Herman approved the recommendation. She will also have to pay restitution, covering the cost of investigating the bogus rape claim. Prosecutors have 60 days to provide the bill to the court.

The NDSU junior majoring in psychology reported to police that she had been abducted by a man in a ski mask from a campus parking lot Sunday night, then raped elsewhere and taken back to the parking lot.

Those claims closely matched a Craigslist ad posted by a person investigators determined was Gullickson. Police say in court records that Gullickson admitted posting the ad and finding someone to follow through with it.

Her boyfriend forced her to make the false report, she told police.

After Herman noted that the initial report attracted a great deal of public attention, Gullickson said, "I don't think that should be taken into consideration in my sentence."

A call to Gullickson's cell phone for comment was not returned.

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