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Police: Suffield Woman Lied About Rape



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SUFFIELD — A woman who police say lied about being raped by a masked intruder had actually slashed her body and choked herself with a dog collar in an effort to create "convincing" injuries, according to an affidavit for her arrest.

The woman, Kelly M. Wilson, 29, of 611 Thrall Ave. was arrested July 3 and charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident, second-degree making a false statement, and misuse of the 911 emergency system. She is free on \$50,000 bond and is scheduled to be arraigned in Enfield Superior Court on July 16.

The incident occurred on April 14 when Wilson called police and reported that a man had attacked her in her home, according to the affidavit.

Responding officers said in the report they saw Wilson lying on the floor, so they forced their way in and found her "visibly upset and crying" with a bruised eye and "cuts all over her body."

Wilson said that a man wearing a partial ski mask had knocked on her door twice earlier that evening, saying his truck had broken down and that he needed money. Wilson told police the man returned a third time, entered the house armed with a handgun and assaulted her.

Local and state police issued a description of the intruder provided by Wilson, and detectives stopped vehicles near her home to ask motorists if they had witnessed anything unusual. Residents, believing a sexual predator was in the area, inundated the department with calls about safety concerns for weeks, police said in the report.

But after subsequent interviews in which Wilson added details to the story, saying the man sexually assaulted her and forced her to shower for 30 minutes, she eventually admitted she had concocted the claim in an effort to have her boyfriend granted military leave to visit her in the hospital, according to the report.

On May 22, Wilson gave a sworn, seven-page statement saying that the home invasion and rape never occurred. In the statement, Wilson said she had been missing her boyfriend who was training in the military out of state so she took four "pain pills" and drank a bottle of wine. She remembered that her boyfriend was given a one-month leave when she had gallbladder surgery and wanted him home again, "so she had to come up with something sensational and believable," police said.

Wilson said she cut herself on various parts of her body with a steak knife, and choked herself with a metal dog collar to "make it more convincing," according to the affidavit. She then showered, hit herself in the right eye with the shower sprayer, and staged the home to look like a struggle had occurred, Wilson told police.

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