



Teenage girl lied about sex assault

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A 17-YEAR-OLD girl who claimed she had been the victim of a horrific sex attack in Rugby has confessed to lying.

The teenager had told detectives she was walking home after a night out with friends when she was approached by a man who forced her into the grounds of Rugby College, in Lower Hillmorton Road.

She was supposed to have suffered a "serious sexual assault" shortly before midnight on Saturday.

The alleged incident sparked a major manhunt, which saw several members of the public contact the police with information.

But in a stunning reversal yesterday the young woman admitted she had made the whole thing up.

Warwickshire Police said it wouldn't charge her with wasting their time, but did issue a strongly worded statement warning against other people doing the same thing.

After giving a detailed description of the sex attacker and a potential witness, the young woman was interviewed a number of times by a team of detectives.

It was during another interview that she decided to retract her statement.

Det Chief Insp Adrian Pearson, who was leading the investigation, said: "Warwickshire Police is committed to protecting people from harm and we take all reports of sexual assault seriously.

"We do not want to discourage any victim from coming forward with genuine reports, which we know can be difficult for them, but anyone who makes a false allegation effectively wastes police time and resources and should be warned that action may be taken against them.

"On Sunday, a major investigation was launched and I would like to thank all members of the public who came forward to help us by responding to the appeals for information."

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