

Woman fakes gang rape to extract seven lakh

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BAREILLY: An FIR filed by a woman against five persons, including her husband and brothers-in-law, for holding her hostage and repeatedly raping her, was proved false during investigation. Police said she had cooked up the entire story to extract Rs 7 lakh from those named in the complaint.

The woman in question was found allegedly in an unconscious state with her clothes

askew on NH-24 in Bareilly's Fatehganj (west) on June 12 at around 5 am. In her complaint, she claimed that her in-laws physically assaulted her over dowry and hence, she left their home and filed a case in December 2013. But, she had to withdraw it after her in-laws started threatening her. On March 21, her in-laws kidnapped her on her way to the market by dragging her into a car. She told police that they held her after her kidnapping, she was held hostage and repeatedly gang-raped her.

However, probe exposed that the woman was staying in Moradabad with her sister's boyfriend, Lalit Tiwari, and also working in a beauty parlour, during the time she claimed her in-laws held her captive. On June 11, her mother made injury marks on her body using bangles. "The woman's sister, a friend Chandani and Tiwari dropped her at NH-24 early in the morning and went back to Moradabad. The woman consumed sleeping pills," said Sudhir Pal Dhama, SHO, Fatehganj (west). Medical reports also ruled out rape. "We have arrested Tiwari who has confessed. The woman had faked her gang rape to extract Rs 7 lakh which her in-laws had denied her after she filed the dowry case. We would take action against them for faking the case," said Dhama.