

Redcar high street rape investigation dropped as police release man, 26, without charges

A 26-year-old man had been arrested after an incident on Wednesday morning

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A police van near the scene (Image: John Bateman)

A rape investigation has been dropped by police two days after being launched in Redcar.

Cleveland Police said an 18-year-old woman had been raped, close to the Blue Lounge and Chiltern Mills store, on Redcar's high street.

A cordon was put in place on Wednesday morning and officers were seen investigating at the scene, after the alleged incident in the early hours of that day.

Police arrested a 26-year-old man in connection with the alleged assault.

But a spokeswoman for the force confirmed on Friday: "Police are no longer investigating a report of rape which was reported to have happened on Redcar High Street in the early hours of Wednesday July 22.

"A 26-year-old man who was arrested on suspicion of rape has now been released without charge."

Detectives had originally appealed for witnesses who may have seen a man, who was believed to have been carrying a knife and potentially made threats towards members of the public.

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