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Appeal to farm workers after rape

POLICE are widening the net in the hunt for two men after a woman hitchhiker was raped in a lorry alongside a busy road.

They are appealing to farmers to help them to trace the two men and are checking security cameras which may have trapped the lorry on video film.

Detectives are also contacting police forces nationwide to see if there are links with any other similar attacks.

The 33-year-old woman, from the Driffield area, was raped on Tuesday afternoon in a lay-by off the A164 at Scarborough, near Leconfield.

She was hitch-hiking when she was picked up near Langtoft by two men in a red Scania lorry and trailer, believed to be a livestock truck.

The alleged rape took place when the driver pulled into the lay-by.

Police say the woman, who was on her way to Beverley to keep a personal appointment, had hitch-hiked on previous occasions.

She suffered minor physical injuries but it is still very distressed by her ordeal.

Police say it now looks unlikely the vehicle had been making deliveries to a livestock market in the region.

They are appealing to local farmers who may have had stock delivered on Tuesday and may have vital information about the two men.

"The indications are that they were probably not at the market in Malton, which was the only one running in Tuesday in the immediate area," said Detective Inspector Steve Jackson.

"From the description we have, the vehicle was mostly likely a cattle truck, carrying small livestock such as pigs and sheep.

"We are now making inquiries among farmers who may have had stock deliveries in the region on that day and we are looking at security videos from various premises which may overlook points on the route."

DI Jackson said inquiries have been extended across the country.

Fake rape claim woman faces prosecution

A WOMAN who claimed she had been raped could be prosecuted for wasting police time after admitting she made the story up.

Police across East Yorkshire launched a major hunt for two men after the 33-year-old woman claimed she had been raped after hitching a lift in a lorry.

The woman, from the Driffeld area, told police she was raped last Tuesday afternoon in a lay-by off the A164 at Scarborough, near Leconfield.

The woman, who has not been named, made the confession while being interviewed yester-

day at Beverley police station.

Her admission clears a man who was arrested in connection with the incident and released on bail.

Police chiefs say they are now sending a file to the Crown Prosecution Service, with the possibility she may be prosecuted.

"Having interviewed the young lady, she has basically admitted that the allegation made to us at that date and time was entirely false.

"A file has been submitted to the CPS in respect of that female," said Detective Inspector Ray Higgins.

DI Higgins said he could not comment further because it could be prejudicial to any future proceedings.

Police had spent several days hunting the two men in the lorry, said to be a livestock truck.

They had made inquiries at markets, slaughterhouses and meat factories, and appealed to farmers who may have had livestock deliveries on that day for information.

The search had also been extended to other police forces across the country, which were circulated with descriptions of the two men.

The man who was arrested in the Lincolnshire area over the weekend has now been released from his bail conditions and police inquiries have been called off.