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**A man who returned from working in Thailand last week with a horrific tale of his wife's gang-rape and murder is now behind bars for allegedly making the whole thing up.**

**Sao Veasna, an officer of the Cambodian-Thai border relations office, said that police tracked down and arrested Sareth on Thursday night on allegations of filing a false police report.**

**The arrest followed an investigation by Thai police and Cambodian consular officials in Thailand that found no evidence to suggest his wife had been raped by a group of some 20 Thai men, then killed and dismembered as he claimed.**

**What's more, he wasn't even married.**

**"The Cambodian consul searched for this information with Thai authorities and found that it is not true what her [boyfriend] claimed, and that is why police arrested him for questioning," Veasna said.**

**Veasna said that during questioning, Sareth admitted to being angry with his girlfriend - who he referred to as his wife, and who police say is alive and well in Thailand - because she had left him. The story, he added, was concocted in an attempt to ruin her reputation.**

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