

Woman charged with false report of kidnapping, sexual attack

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BELLEVIEW - A 40-year-old woman who told Belleview police officers she was kidnapped at knifepoint and sexually molested by a man on Friday was arrested Monday and charged with filing a false report.

Gina Marie Bartlett told police she fabricated the story because she had fallen off the wagon and knew her boyfriend of a dozen years would leave her, according to the Belleview Police Department. Bartlett, who apologized for making a false report, told police she went to a co-worker's home where she partied and had sex.

Officers had gone to Munroe Regional Medical Center on Saturday in reference to a report of a kidnapping and sexual battery. At the hospital, Bartlett told officials she had been fired from her job. Bartlett told police that, at the intersection of County Road 25 and Baseline Road, a man pulled up next to her and they began talking. She said the man pulled out a knife, forced her into the car and took her to some nearby woods, where he molested her.

Bartlett said the next day the man dropped her off at a store, where authorities were notified.

During the police investigation, a male employee told officers Bartlett and his friend went to his home where they drank all night, used drugs and had sex. The employee told police Bartlett said she was going to make up the story so her boyfriend won't get mad.

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