Girl charged with filing false report of rape
Clarke Central

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A 16-year-old girl who told security officers that a classmate raped her in a Clarke Central High School bathroom last week made up the story, police say.

She has been charged with filing a false report, said Hilda Sorrow, spokeswoman for the Athens-Clarke County Police Department.

Because of the seriousness of the allegation, she also could have faced a school district disciplinary hearing, expulsion or assignment to the alternative school, but the incident has been handled at the school level, district spokesman Mike Wooten said Tuesday.

"We're obviously disappointed that someone would choose to damage not only the reputation of another individual, but the reputation of an entire school and the school district as a whole like that," Wooten said. "This has been very hurtful, especially to the young man who was accused, and it's also been a very hurtful episode to everyone who works at the high school and to the students. It's been very upsetting to parents.

"We're grateful to the police department for their hard work and for helping to clear the air about this."

The girl told school security officers on Friday that she had been raped two days earlier in a bathroom at the school. She said a 16-year-old boy had punched her in the face and forced her into a bathroom, where she was attacked.

When security officers asked the boy about the report, he told them he'd been interviewed at a local business, off-campus, and that his mother then drove him to a friend's house on Atlanta Highway during the time period in question, between 4:30 and 5 p.m. last Wednesday.
The manager of the unnamed business confirmed the boy’s story, according to an Athens-Clarke police report.

Police investigators believe the girl was angry at the boy about something and wanted to get back at him, said Maj. Alan Brown.

Both of their names have been withheld because they are juveniles.

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