Police say woman lied about rape in Auburn park

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Police sketch of “suspect”
AUBURN -- Auburn police now say a woman made up a story about being raped in a local park while her 5-year-old daughter was playing nearby.

The woman told police she made up the story because she needed rent money. She hoped that when her parents learned of her alleged rape, they would feel sorry for her and give her money.

Monday, the 25-year-old woman told police she was raped in Issac Evans Park in the bushes while her daughter played on the swings.

But police were suspicious from the start. The reason? The suspect's sketch. The sketch artist says that when she described the man, he sketched a drawing and she immediately announced it was an exact likeness of the suspect.

Police say that never happens. Victims always seem to be uncertain about some of the features, but she was too sure.

Then, as police showed her mug shots of possible suspects, she could never find a match, which also made them suspicious. Interestingly, it appears she was describing a homeless man known to Auburn police.

Now, besides facing charges for lying about the rape allegation, KOMO/4 News reported that she is currently wanted in Oregon on a felony warrant. Police say she's accused in a forgery case against her parents.

And it turns out she has two pending theft charges against her in King County.