Breaking: Boone County Sheriff says no evidence crime occurred in alleged rural Zionsville assault

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On March 17, the Boone County Sheriff’s Office responded to an alleged sexual assault that occurred at 1545 S. US 421, in Zionsville. Over the past several weeks investigators have been interviewing, interrogating and establishing timelines on the events of that incident.

At this time the Criminal Investigations Division has determined the participant, or alleged victim, admitted she lied about certain facts in a follow up interview. The Division has also determined that evidence at the crime scene contradicted some of the participant’s statements. In a press release, the Division stated that the participant has stopped cooperating with law enforcement and the other female identified in the incident, Helen Fix, was not victimized or a participate in the incident.

The release states that the Boone County Sheriff’s Office is confident that this was an isolated incident and there is no evidence to indicate that a crime actually occurred. The Criminal Investigation Division has informed the Fix family of the above-mentioned facts and appreciates their cooperation during this investigation.

Sheriff Mike Nielsen appreciates the cooperation from the community, witnesses and from the participant’s employer.

“As far as a reason for this reported incident, we can only speculate on the participant’s motive. Our Criminal Investigations Division has worked many hours on this case. As I have stated in prior press releases, we take every case seriously and we will leave no stone unturned. In this case our investigators did not leave a stone unturned and the outcome proved in many ways that this crime did not occur. Although we can theorize why someone would do this, we cannot prove the reason why this crime was alleged by the participant because they have stopped communicating with us. We are fortunate that Miss Fix was not hurt during this alleged criminal act. We feel that Boone County
overall continues to be a safe community because of its citizens and its law enforcement agencies working together. However, we do want to stress that it is always important to pay attention to your surroundings and always be vigilant. As citizens, you are many times our eyes and ears,” Nielsen stated in a release. ” The investigation is closed but we are still reviewing the possibility of filing criminal charges against the alleged victim.”

This story will be updated. Submitted release.