Upper Moreland woman lies about rape

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After just more than two hours of investigation early Monday morning, Upper Moreland police determined that a 28-year-old female who reported being raped and assaulted at an apartment complex in the unit block of Fitzwatertown Road was lying.

Natalie Nicholas, of the 1400 block of Fitzwatertown Road, went to Abington Memorial Hospital just before 2 a.m. April 25 and reported that she had been raped and robbed, police said, adding that due to the seriousness of the offense personnel were activated from off-duty status to assist in the search for the offender and the investigation.

Nicholas told hospital staff and detectives that she had been beaten unconscious and that when she woke up she was being sexually assaulted, police said.

During interviews, inconsistencies were detected and doubt surfaced about the facts as she portrayed them, police said, adding that at one point during the investigation Nicholas changed the description of the offender from a white male to a black male.
By 4:45 a.m. police said detectives had gathered enough information to definitely say that Nicholas was lying.

She admitted to fabricating the facts and was charged with making a false report to police and will also be billed for the costs associated with the investigation, police added.
