Young girl’s rape claim was false

The reported rape of a child in her own home in Essex, which sparked a major inquiry, did not take place, detectives have revealed.

An inquiry was launched in March after the girl, who is aged between five and ten, claimed she had been attacked in her Basildon home.

She had told officers an intruder got into her bedroom and attacked her.

Officers said they were now sure the attack did not take place and that no further police action would be taken.

"We are satisfied that the offence did not take place," said a police spokeswoman.

"The child and her mother support this decision."

Essex Police said this disclosure followed a "sensitive and detailed" inquiry.

The spokeswoman said inquiries were now at an end and there were no plans to bring any other proceedings against anyone in relation to the allegation.

The child and her family are receiving the support
of social services and health and education officials, she said.

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