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Updated: Teenager lied about rape
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A TEENAGER has admitted she lied about being raped because she was drunk.

The 18-year-old girl told her mother she had been attacked at about 2.40am in Nelson Mews, Southend.

Police have decided not to take any action against the girl because of the circumstances involved.

Nishan Wijeratne, Essex Police spokesman, said: "Police are no longer investigating an allegation of sexual assault on a young woman in Southend.

"Officers were contacted on the morning of Tuesday, June 12, by the mother of the 18-year-old girl who believed she had been raped in the area surrounding Nelson Mews just a few hours earlier.

"Detectives carried out an in-depth interview with the victim yesterday and she has now withdrawn her statement, indicating she wasn't assaulted sexually or otherwise.

"She has informed investigating officers she made the allegation while under the influence of alcohol."

Police officers cordoned off the road after the complaint was lodged and a forensics team made a thorough search of the area where the attack was supposed to have taken place.

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