York rape ‘never happened’

DETECTIVES investigating an alleged rape in York now say it never happened.

Last week, North Yorkshire Police said a woman in her twenties had been attacked on a footpath near the University of York in the early hours of Friday, May 13, as she walked behind the Heslington campus.

On Wednesday, a police spokeswoman said the woman had since confirmed to officers "that the events reported did not happen", and "no further action will be taken in this case".

The spokeswoman said: "Police take all reports of rape and sexual assault seriously and will carry out a full investigation as well as providing support from specially trained officers and partner agencies."
"The investigating officers were extremely pleased with the response from the public and students following the media appeal and thank everyone for coming forward to assist the investigation. We encourage the public to continue to support investigations in this way."

Victims of sexual crime are urged to phone police on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

If you prefer not to speak to the police, you can call Bridge House, North Yorkshire’s Sexual Assault Referral Centre on 01904 669339.

35 comments

laner11111 1st June 2016 5:21 pm
49 'no further action' what about giving her 6 months behind bars to stop her making false allegations again. How often does this happen.... someone cries rape, people spend a couple of days in police cells or even worse, remanded in custody and named and shamed to find its all lies, mud sticks unfortunately so they are never accepted in that area again and have to move on through no fault of their own...just because of scheming little ...... like this!!!

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highwayman11 1st June 2016 7:07 pm
24 You have hit the nail on the Head Laner i agree with all you say and we have a police force supposedly stretched to the limit and this little attention seeking madam gets away scot free, Why ???

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Windhouse 1st June 2016 8:20 pm
6 No one was named and shamed - or spent time in the cells - or has had to move house. I'd prefer to hear more facts about the false claim before jumping to conclusions and sitting in judgement.

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Mean Mr Mustard 1st June 2016 9:57 pm
17 An acquaintance of mine spent 7 months in Hull Prison a couple of years ago before he was found not guilty of rape. He cannot undo those months. The crime of rape is unimaginably horrific, and perpetrators should be severely punished. However, stupid girls like this and the one who ruined my friend's life should also be punished severely.

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John Merrick 1st June 2016 5:58 pm
19 What a waste of resources... I could say more but I won't.
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Granted but it is "she" that might cause this problem, so why should she not be named. I hope the police take note of the thumbs up for some punishment for this female. Sorry ladies, it is because of the likes of this lady that I now question the real motif behind a reported rape/assault.

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Mean Mr Mustard 1st June 2016 10:00 pm
11 I agree completely. Rape is a terrible crime, but this woman has ever so slightly shifted (police) opinion towards the "Are you sure it happened" camp, which damages all women who HAVE been raped.

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Overproof 1st June 2016 9:40 pm
4 Many victims of this sort of crime withdraw truthful allegations for a multitude of reasons. the fact that the police are saying that no further action is being taken means that there is more to this than has been made public. all the previous comments are basically numskulls, who no nothing about this case, passing judgement without all the facts.

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Mean Mr Mustard 1st June 2016 10:03 pm
9 Well, she reported that she had been attacked, and now has admitted she wasn't. I'm not sure what more there could be to it. I too know nothing about this case, but can't see how you can mistake being attacked on a footpath.

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Overproof 1st June 2016 10:07 pm
2 does Mr Mustard know for a fact that it was a false allegation, or is he just speculating and committing a potential libel? the claim has been withdrawn, that is all we know. Victims of this sort of crime often withdraw truthful allegations for many reasons. the Police are taking no further action, what does that suggest?

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YorkCityLuke 1st June 2016 10:46 pm
8 Why not just read the article? It's not that the claim has been withdrawn as you state, it's that the police say "it never happened". That's pretty unequivocal.

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Overproof 1st June 2016 10:15 pm
5 All I am saying is wait until you know all the facts before you make bold statements. The Press do not know and have not published all the facts, so unless you have inside info on the police investigation then neither do you. genuine victims of this sort of crime often withdraw truthful allegations for a variety of reasons.

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YorksTrueVoice 2nd June 2016 1:49 pm
0 your correct, genuine victims withdraw truthful allegation BECAUSE of people like this woman.. I do not know where you get "your" information but a police statement says " the woman had since confirmed to officers "that the events reported did not happen". That to me seems to be a clear case of a lie. Nobody on here is saying let a rapist go! we are just wanting
the equal justice that so many claim to want. I am sure everybody will agree, this will make it harder for real VICTIMS.

I'msohappy.com 1st June 2016 10:28 pm
5 Surely the woman needs to seek professional help to sort her head out, if she needs attention so badly she clearly has mental health issues. After all she is not a child, she is an adult who knows right from wrong.

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Overproof 1st June 2016 10:35 pm
1 ... and you know for a fact that the allegation wasn't withdrawn for any other reason because..... ?

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YorkCityLuke 1st June 2016 10:39 pm
3 It's unfair that an allegation of rape is enough to ruin a person without trial (thankfully not in this case), but you can make a false accusation anonymously and with no consequences. Rape is a disgusting and serious crime that needs dealing with professionally, rather than by witch hunts and trials by media.

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Overproof 1st June 2016 10:44 pm
3 false allegations are a serious criminal offence. withdrawing a truthful allegation, for whatever personal reason, is not. just to be clear, the reporting so far has not provided enough info to know that the woman has committed an offence. get facts straight.

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Panique 1st June 2016 11:56 pm
6 This appears to be a story for which the Press would have been prudent to have not opened its comments section. The public have little to no idea of the circumstances behind the events/non-events, so don't embarrass yourself by speculating.

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Tom6187 2nd June 2016 2:05 am
2 Disgraceful, at least she stopped there rather than destroying an innocent mans life, some aren't so lucky.

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mortandindi 2nd June 2016 7:19 am
7 What a waste of police time and money. This idiot needs to be charged and fined heavily. Name and shame as well before she snares another bloke.

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MouseHouse 2nd June 2016 10:09 am
0 You assume this female has no underlying mental health issues. Under certain circumstances I agree with you, but I am willing to accept that it is not always appropriate.
Lady Muck of NP 2nd June 2016 10:52 am
2 I can only assume the lady has issues. I assume she will seek help.

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YorksTrueVoice 2nd June 2016 1:37 pm
2 Sorry I am not going to read the comments, I am so annoyed, we have had quite a few reports like this around Yorkshire lately. We get the same response from the police about taking it seriously, rightly so, but come on a female has made a very serious false allegation. She has made it harder for other FEMALES to report these crimes, simply because we are hearing about too many of these reports. Recently in Leeds the police had to issue a statement saying an attack did not happen because a potential perpetrator (now a victim) was still getting the blame... any mention of the female that made the false claim... nothing.

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willo192 2nd June 2016 3:01 pm
3 Dissgraceful. Happened to my mate 33 years ago and just before it went to Court, she broke down and admitted she did it to get her boyfriends attention. Custodial sentence is the only deterrent. Why no further action?

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will1am 3rd June 2016 10:14 am
0 The police are already quite capable of wasting their own time and our money without the assistance of idiots like this... Maybe she should be forced to carry out some community service in her own time and at her own cost, as a lesson to her and any other feckless morons thinking of doing the same....