Man files false rape report after he's turned away at bar, cops say

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HOBOKEN – A man who was turned away at the door of a popular bar Sunday morning called police to report a rape inside the bathroom.

But authorities say the call made by 21-year-old Robert Castaldi was unfounded and the Glen Rock man was charged with filing a false report and creating public alarm.

Castaldi and a friend were not allowed back inside 1Rupublik on Washington Street because they were both intoxicated, Hoboken police said in a statement. The 21-year-old then called police from outside the bar and said he witnessed a woman being sexually assaulted in the bathroom, authorities said.

Officers arrived and questioned Castaldi, who gave them conflicting answers. Police determined no sexual assault had taken place and dialed the phone number to the person who reported the alleged crime, at which time Castaldi’s cellphone began ringing, authorities said.

Another of his friends said the 21-year-old was not inside the bar when he reported the sexual assault.

Castaldi was placed under arrest, police said.

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