A woman has been fined for wasting police time after falsely claiming she had been raped - sparking a major inquiry.
The 29-year-old told officers she had been attacked by a stranger while walking down a dirt track at Ince late at night.

But when she was quizzed by detectives, the 'victim' confessed she had made the whole thing up. She was ordered to pay an 80 fixed penalty notice.

Police taped off an area off Manley Street early on Tuesday after the woman called the force's non-emergency number. She said a man had forced her to the ground and raped her. She gave a description of her alleged assailant.

What saved the woman from facing more serious charges was the fact that the lie was established before the inquiry had got into full swing.

Had she named an attacker, leading to an arrest, and then admitted it was a false allegation, she could have faced the more serious charge of perverting the course of justice.

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