Police charge teen in false rape claim

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LEWISBURG — The teenager accused of making a false claim of abduction and rape faces criminal charges in Union County juvenile court, according to Buffalo Valley Regional Police.

Chief Paul Yost said the teen is charged with filing a false police report and generating false evidence. The latter charge is for the teen’s cooperation in providing a description of an attacker used to generate a composite sketch.

The sketch was disseminated to Valley media and residents in pursuit of a suspect. Publicity of the allegations led to more than 20 responses from the public offering information, including surveillance footage that ultimately helped debunk the teen’s claim, Yost said.

“That’s what cracked the case,” Yost said.

Police announced the allegation was false Friday. The incident was shared publicly Jan. 30 and the composite sketch was released Jan. 31.

The teen, whose identity, age and gender were not disclosed by police, reported having been abducted by a male Jan. 28 while the teen was jogging on Heatherbloom Drive during the late afternoon, between Rosemont Place and Waterford Place, south of the Bucknell University Golf Course.
According to police, the teen claimed the abductor forced the juvenile into the back seat of a red sport utility vehicle and forced the accuser to perform a sexual act under the threat of violence.

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