



Cab driver cleared of false rape allegations

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A young Swedish couple has been charged with bearing false witness after the woman reported she had been raped by a cab driver when the driver tried to get the couple to pay for their ride.

At three o'clock in the morning back in May, the couple called for a cab to take them from a party in central Stockholm to the southern suburb of Haninge.

When they arrived at their destination, the pair hopped out of the taxi without paying.

But the woman also forgot her purse in the taxi's back seat.

When the couple, ages 20 and 25, tried to get the woman's purse back from the taxi driver, he threatened to go to the police if the couple didn't pay for their trip.

Instead the couple then called police to report that the driver had raped the woman, reports the Metro newspaper.

Police then stormed into the cab driver's home to arrest him.

"I felt like I'd lost all my rights when I was suddenly arrested. I just wanted to get paid for the trip," the cab driver said during questioning, according to TT.

The woman later recanted her story about the alleged rape when she learned that a surveillance camera mounted in the taxi had recorded the couple leaving the vehicle without paying.

The cab driver is now demanding compensation for indignity, lost income, as well as pain and suffering.

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