Woman raped in Reading town centre side street

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A 22-year-old woman was raped in Reading town centre in the early hours.

Police were alerted after the woman went to the Royal Berkshire Hospital in the town and told A&E staff she had been raped.

Thames Valley Police sealed off Chain Street, a side street with shops that are currently closed, after being called at 04:00 BST.

Supt Robin Rickard said police were reviewing CCTV images as part of the investigation.

Police are appealing for witnesses.
Police no longer investigating alleged gang rape

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Police are no longer investigating an alleged gang rape in the university area of Reading.

The allegation, which was reported by a 19-year-old woman, was said to have taken place in Whiteknights Road close to the entrance of the University of Reading.

After investigating the allegation, police say no offence was found to have happened.
Investigating officer Detective Sergeant Carl Bradford, from Reading Force CID, said: “A thorough investigation has taken place into the circumstances of this allegation. There is clear evidence that there was no offence of rape. The complainant is being supported.

“I would like to stress that no one should hesitate in coming forward if they have been a victim of crime of any sort. Thames Valley Police will support victims and witnesses throughout investigations in an attempt to prosecute offenders.”

This is the third rape investigation discontinued in just over two months.

Officers were called at 12.40am on Sunday, October 5, near Icon House in Merchant’s Place, off Friar Street, to reports an 18-year-old woman had been raped.

Shortly after 4am on Thursday, August 28, police were called after a 22-year-old woman went to the A&E department at Royal Berkshire Hospital and told staff she had been raped in Reading town centre.

However, after investigating both separate allegations, police said neither of the offences were found to have happened.