Surprise police: Woman admits to filing false rape report

The police were not actually “Surprised” - Surprise is the name of the Arizona town this incident occurred in.

Devin Ficklin (left top); Karyn Godfrey (right top); Maci Roy (bottom left) and Raven Roy.

A Surprise woman who police say wove a false tale of kidnapping, rape and auto theft was arrested Wednesday.
Three other Surprise residents face charges in the case that began June 5 when police discovered a vehicle crashed into the wall of an apartment complex at 14500 W. Greenway Road, said Sgt. Mark Ortega, a Surprise police spokesman.

When police contacted the vehicle's owner, Karyn Godfrey, the 33-year-old woman told authorities the vehicle had been stolen earlier. That story was confirmed by Devin Ficklin, 18.

But four days later, that story changed.

Ortega said the woman called police back and said that her previous statements were false. She said the real story was that Ficklin had forced her at gunpoint to make the report. Godfrey told police that Ficklin had forced his way into her home and raped her before forcing her and her child into her vehicle.

When Ficklin crashed the vehicle, Godfrey said he forced her to report the car stolen, according to Ortega.

He said two of the woman's 18-year-old friends, Maci and Raven Roy, backed up her story.

As a result, police arrested Ficklin, who admitted to crashing the car with Godfrey. However, the teen said Godfrey's claims of rape and kidnap were false, Ortega said.

Ficklin told police he broke off his relationship with Godfrey a few days after the accident because she was old enough to be his mother.

Police questioned the teen girls who had backed up Godfrey's story and inconsistencies surfaced. They eventually admitted to going along with Godfrey and fabricating the story to implicate Ficklin, Ortega said.

He said that Godfrey admitted she had made up the story because she was "mad at Ficklin" for crashing her car and leaving after he promised to stay with her.

Godfrey was arrested and booked into the Maricopa County Jail. She faces charges of false reporting, conspiracy and false reporting of an emergency.

Her friends, the Roy teens, face charges of providing false information and conspiracy.

Ficklin faces charges of false reporting and conspiracy for originally saying the vehicle had been stolen, as well as leaving the scene of an accident.