Alleged victim of assault arrested when she admits making it up

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ORLAND — A woman, who told police she had been abducted and assaulted by two men Tuesday night, was arrested by Orland officers Thursday on suspicion of burglarizing her neighbor’s home — and filing a false police report.

Janine Poinciano, 28, claimed two Hispanic males broke a window to her Walker Street residence between 8 and 9 p.m., came inside, and assaulted her with broken glass. She alleged they next placed her in their car and drove toward Chico.

The woman initially denied she was sexually assaulted by the men, but later said she was. Although she declined a sexual assault medical examination at Enloe Medical Center in Chico, and told police a convoluted story, the case was being investigated as a burglary and rape until Thursday, when the woman finally told police she had fabricated the incident.

The case has some other bizarre aspects Orland police officials are trying to sort out, including an original report made by the woman’s boyfriend, who told police Wednesday she was injured and could be found at her Walker Street address.

Police and medical personnel rushed to the scene, but couldn’t find the victim.

She was located just after 11 a.m. Wednesday riding in a car that passed by her residence as police officers were there. An officer stopped the vehicle and found the woman inside, bloodied, but with only minor injuries.

Meanwhile, the man driving the vehicle, identified as Roger Poncia, 52, was arrested for parole violations, including possession of a pocket knife and possession of a glass pipe generally used for smoking methamphetamine.

Police didn’t immediately comment on why the injured woman was in Poncia’s car.

On Thursday Orland police arrested her on suspicion of burglarizing the residence of a woman who lives in the same block as Poinciano, and for possession of medications for which she had no prescriptions.
Poinciana was reportedly wearing costume jewelry from the burglary when she was booked into the Glenn County Jail in Willows. Her bail was set at $52,000.

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