Queens woman’s playground rape horror a hoax, police say

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A waitress trying to cover up an affair fabricated a story about getting raped in a deserted Queens playground Wednesday, police said.

The 32-year-old woman told cops she finished her shift at an East Elmhurst diner just after 4 a.m., and was followed by two men near 98th St. and 25th Ave.

They hit her over the head, dragged her to a playground adjacent to Public School 27 and sexually assaulted her, she claimed.

But detectives, who combed the playground and checked surveillance tapes, uncovered holes in the alleged victim's time line and determined that her story was false.

A source said the married woman was drunk when she left her workplace - which was actually a strip joint - and came home disheveled.

Confronted by her husband, she came up with the rape tale.

In reality, the source said, she was having an affair with an ex-flame she met while bartending.

The woman, who was treated at Elmhurst Hospital Center, was sticking by her story last night.

"It didn't happen," a police spokesman said late yesterday. "They're waiting for her to recant."

No rapes were reported so far this year in the 115th Precinct, which includes East Elmhurst.

Told about the alleged attack, residents were initially unnerved by the news.

"I'm surprised because I've never heard of that happening here near the school," said Irma Trevino, 35, who lives in the area.
Sources said that even if the woman concedes her hoax, it's unlikely she'll be charged with filing a false report.

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