A woman admitted Monday to fabricating a report of a sexual assault in an unincorporated portion of Santa Ana, authorities said.

A day after telling Orange County Sheriff’s Department officials that she had been grabbed from behind, dragged to a dirt lot and sexually assaulted in the 18000 block of Ervin Street, the woman admitted to deputies that she had made up the report, said Jim Amormino, a Sheriff’s Department spokesman.

Sheriff’s deputies Monday contacted the woman, who they did not identify, on an unrelated matter when she admitted to the false report, Amormino said.

The woman was admitted into a hospital for a 72-hour mental-health hold, Amormino added.

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