Chattanooga woman charged with filing false report in kidnapping-urination case

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Kristen Pollis is charged with filing a false report. The man she is accusing of abusing her, Michael Wilson, remains behind bars as of Thursday morning. Images: Hamilton Co. Jail / MGN

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — UPDATE:

NewsChannel 9 confirmed Friday morning that Michael Francis Wilson is now out of jail.

Depend on us to keep you posted.

PREVIOUSLY:

Chattanooga Police have arrested a woman and charged her with filing a false report back in January.
22-year-old Kristen Taylor Pollis was booked at the Hamilton County Jail on Wednesday, and later bonded out.

But we called the Hamilton County Jail Thursday morning and confirmed that the man she accused of abusing her, 27-year-old Michael Francis Wilson, was still behind bars.

(Update: Wilson's attorney, Zak Newman, tells NewsChannel 9 Wilson's bond was drastically reduced to $750 on Wednesday, and that he expects his client to go free later Thursday afternoon. We will keep you posted on that. We asked Mr. Newman for comment on this story and he told us the old adage, "A lie can travel halfway around the world before the truth can put its boots on.")

Back in January, Pollis accused Wilson of holding her against her will for several hours and "tortured her mentally and physically." Wilson was arrested and charged with aggravated domestic assault, aggravated burglary and kidnapping.

But an affidavit obtained by NewsChannel 9 says that investigators later determined that her story did not add up.

Pollis claimed Wilson broke into her home on January 17th, and woke her up, demanding she go with him to an address on Mountain View Drive. There, she told officers Wilson "suffocated her with pillows, blankets and her hands. He tried to rip her jaws apart at one point, choked her, and threw her down the stairs repeatedly," according to an earlier affidavit. That affidavit also said Wilson carved an upside-down cross into his chest at one point. She told investigators she managed to escape the home at one point and bang on the door of the home next door. But she said Wilson chased after her and forced her back inside, where he then urinated on her, then made her take off all of her clothes and made her sit on the floor, wet with his urine. She claimed she eventually was able to escape after he passed out.

Officers smelled urine on Pollis when interviewing her shortly after the alleged incident, and that in part led them to believe her claims were true. They subsequently arrested Wilson.

But the affidavit obtained Thursday by NewsChannel 9 says investigators later gathered evidence that led them to believe she made the entire story up.

It says Investigator John Barnett interviewed the owner of the home next door to the residence where the alleged assault took place, and he was emphatic that he was home the entire day, and that no one ever banged on his door.

Investigator Barnett says he obtained Instagram messages that indicated Pollis and Wilson discussed consensual sexual urination, and that Pollis expressed enthusiasm for trying it out. He says he learned Pollis had recently become "jealous and angry" with Wilson for having sexual relationships with other women. Barnett's affidavit continues: "I found that Ms. Pollis threatened Mr. Wilson on social media on January 13th, 2019, by stating 'IM F---ING UR WHOLE WORLD UP TODAY' and 'You're not going to hurt me without being burned again sorry.'"

Investigator Barnett says on the morning of the alleged incident, Pollis invited Wilson to her home and that Wilson responded that he was coming over.
Investigator Barnett also says he obtained medical records from Pollis's emergency room visit on January 19th, and found that she had "only sustained a single injury, a bruised rib, which is inconsistent with the description of the assault she described."

He says he also obtained images of Wilson's bare chest taken in jail, and found he had no scarring on his chest that resembled a carved, upside-down cross.

Investigator Barnett's affidavit concludes, "Based on these facts, I believe that Ms. Pollis intentionally fabricated the incident, and initiated a report to law enforcement knowing that the offenses alleged did not occur and knowing that the information given was false."

This is a developing story and will be updated.