York: Reported rape a false claim

16-year-old in youth detention center after fabricating weekend assault story

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A teenage girl who reported being raped over the weekend is behind bars on charges of making false reports, said Statesboro Police Chief Stan York.

The 16-year-old girl told police she had been abducted and held against her will at Howard Johnson's hotel, but after investigating, detectives learned the girl's story was untrue.

In initial reports, the teen listed two males by name as having abducted and sexually assaulted her, but neither were charged. Further investigation revealed the girl had not even been at the hotel, but made up the story as an excuse for her whereabouts during that time, he said.

"It was determined that the story was fabricated by the juvenile and no crime had in fact been committed," York said.

The teen was charged with unruly juvenile and false report of a crime, which are misdemeanors, he said. However, a third charge — making false statements and writings — is a felony, he said.

The girl was arrested on the charges and taken to Claxton Regional Youth Detention Center "to await further judicial proceedings," he said.

The teen is not identified due to her juvenile status. The men she accused of abducting and assaulting her were not identified by the Statesboro Herald because they had not been charged with a crime.

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