Police arrest one in false rape report

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Police thought they were dispatched to help a rape victim Tuesday night, but instead charged a Coos Bay woman with lying to 911 dispatchers.

Officers went to a room at the Pacific Empire Motel, 155 S. Empire Blvd., where they found several people, including Deanna L. Deroest, 26, who made the call. Police spoke to several witnesses, including Deroest, and determined no one had been raped.

Officers were leaving when 911 dispatchers reported they got two 911 hang up calls from the same phone number that made the initial rape report.

Police arrested Deroest on charges of initiating a false report and improper use of 911. She was taken to Coos County jail, then released on citation.