Police: Abduction, rape a ‘hoax’
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PITTSBURGH (AP) - Pittsburgh police say a 15-year-old girl made up a story that she was forced by two men into a van then driven to a wooded location where one of the men raped her.

The girl claimed the incident happened just before noon Tuesday in the city’s Carrick section, as she got off a bus and was walking toward Carrick High School.

But in a news release Wednesday, police say the girl had argued with her parents earlier that day and fabricated the report to keep from being punished.

Police and the Allegheny County District Attorney are discussing whether to charge the girl with making a false report to police, but no charges were filed immediately.

Mom charged with baby's drowning

MONESSEN. (AP) - A Pittsburgh-area single mother has been charged with criminal homicide because police say her 7-month-old son drowned in a bathtub where he was allegedly left alone while she smoked cigarettes and talked with neighbors outside.

Twenty-two-year-old Seairia Henderson, of Monessen, says she was “irresponsible” to leave the baby alone with a 2-year-old sibling in the tub. But Henderson also told the district judge who arraigned her Tuesday that she loves her children and that “That's all I have.”

Henderson is in the Westmoreland County Prison without bond pending a preliminary hearing Oct. 2.

The baby died in a Pittsburgh hospital Sept. 13, two days after Henderson found the boy unresponsive in the tub and called 911.

Man kills self after police standoff

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Police in the Pittsburgh suburb of Mount Lebanon say a man who barricaded himself inside his home has killed himself.

Police say officers were trying to serve a protection from abuse order on the 51-year-old man Wednesday afternoon but he had a gun and officers backed off and requested
backup. Police attempted to negotiate with the man but he broke off contact at around 6:15 p.m.

When police entered his home, they found him dead.

Several nearby schools went into lockdown during the standoff.

Philly gun dealer to close up shop

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A Philadelphia gun dealer that has been the target of religious activists plans to close up shop.

Attorney Joe Canuso says federal authorities are trying to revoke James Colosimo's license to sell firearms. Canuso said Wednesday that Colosimo won't fight the effort, though it's unclear if he will fight a criminal charge against the corporation he owns.

Federal prosecutors filed a charge against Colosimo's Inc. on Tuesday, accusing the store of selling 10 guns to people employees "knew or had reason to believe" were illegal straw buyers.

Activists have targeted Colosimo's Gun Center because of the number of guns sold there that end up being used in crimes. James Colosimo has said that's to be expected from a high-volume dealership like his and that he follows all laws.