



March 14, 2014

Charges Filed After Lindenwood Student Admits No Assault Occurred

St. Charles County - The Office of Prosecuting Attorney Tim Lohmar announces Joanna Newberry, 21, has been charged with a misdemeanor count of making a false report. On March 7, Newberry alleged to St. Charles Police Department that she had been attacked in the bathroom at Butler Library on the campus of Lindenwood University earlier that week. Newberry told police a male subject threatened her and attempted to remove her clothing. An alert was then sent to over 12,000 students warning them that police were investigating a report of a sexual assault on campus.

Five days after the reported attack, Newberry came in to be interviewed by police. She admitted to police that no assault had occurred and she had made the story up. Newberry did not provide a specific reason for her allegations. Newberry faces up to six months in jail and a fine up to \$500. Her first court appearance will be on April 28, 2014 before the Hon. Judge Elizabeth Swann.

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

I, Detective S. Kaiser, with the St. Charles Police Department, a law enforcement agency, state that the facts contained herein are true to my best knowledge and belief and that any false statements made are punishable by law.

1. On 03/07/2014 (date of crime) at 209 S. Kinghighway
(location of crime)
in St. Charles County, MO, Joanna L. Newberry did:
(name of suspect)

knowingly make a false police report to Officers with the St. Charles Police Department that a crime had occurred several days prior. Joanna Newberry reported being attacked by an unknown male subject in a bathroom of the library at the college located at 209 S. Kingshighway. Joanna reported an unknown male subject grabbed her and tried pulling her leggings off. She reported she kicked at him and left the bathroom.

Officers from this agency processed the scene, interviewed witnesses and collected evidence.

During an interview Joanna Newberry confessed the incident did not happen at all.

2. DRUG CASES ONLY:

The lab report confirmed the substance to be _____
and weighed _____ (if applicable).

3. I have reasonable grounds to believe that the defendant will not appear upon the summons or is a danger to the crime victim, the community or any other person because:

Date: 03/14/2014

Report #: 14-1671

Detective S. Kaiser 219
Signature