

No charges against woman who made false rape claim

No charges will be filed against a Stanford student who admitted she made a false claim when she told police she was sexually assaulted by a man who entered her unlocked dormitory room.

"We don't contemplate that at this time," Stanford Police Chief Marvin Herrington said Wednesday.

Citing confidentiality laws, he declined to say what prompted the woman to tell police that the sexual assault claim she made two days earlier did not happen.

"She is seeking counseling," said Herrington.

The woman claimed that an assailant had entered her dorm room between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m Feb. 3 while she was sleeping and then attacked her.

Police cautioned students and others on campus to lock their doors, walk in groups at night or call for an escort.

Herrington said although the woman withdrew her complaint, people should continue to take such common-sense precautions.

Last September, a woman student fought off an attempted sexual assault in a dorm bathroom. The suspect fled. He is still at large and that case is still under investigation.

"What we try to say in the warning we give out is (for students) to have a certain level of awareness. We hope people . . . will continue to be cautious," Herrington said.

According to [university](#) crime statistics, in 1997 there was one rape and two forcible sexual assaults reported to police. No arrests have been made.<