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# Helper made false rape claim

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A maid who falsely accused a male friend of raping her received a suspended sentence and a \$2,000 fine yesterday.

Domestic helper Mardiyah, 26, told police that on July 25 a grocery shop owner forced her to have sex with him at his store.

The 59-year-old shop owner, Chan Ping, was arrested but denied the allegation.

Mardiyah admitted the report was false when an officer from the Crime Unit at Shau Kei Wan police station questioned her further, Eastern Court heard.

The court heard the maid had a row with the shop owner on that night during which Mr Chan slapped her.

Her defence counsel told the court that she and the victim were close friends and it was only out of anger that she had made the false report.

Mardiyah pleaded guilty to one count of making a false report of the commission of an offence.

Magistrate John Brennan told her if Mr Chan had been convicted, he would have been jailed for six to seven years.

In addition to the fine, the maid received a four-month jail term suspended for two years.

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