

# Woman lied about parade sex

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A woman who had sex on a float with a member of the Krewe of Centurions during Monday night's parade and later reported she had been raped has been booked with filing a false report, authorities said Thursday.

The woman's first report resulted in a man's arrest on a forcible rape charge. But the charge was dropped Thursday when she admitted she consented to sex, Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee said.

Lee refused to disclose the identities of the two people.

The woman was booked with criminal mischief and filing a false police report in what Lee called a "mind-boggling" incident.

Authorities said the woman was helped aboard the float by riders at Veterans Memorial Boulevard and Metairie Heights Avenue. The woman and the rider had sex before the woman was dropped off farther along the route in the 1000 block of Bonabel Boulevard, police said.

The woman told police she was raped, and the man was arrested Tuesday at 3 a.m., records show.

Lee said deputies based the arrest on an interview with the woman. The man at first refused to give police a statement, Lee said.

After further investigation, including polygraph tests of those involved, Lee said the woman admitted she was not raped.

Lee said the woman said she falsified the report because she wanted attention and needed help.

"It's just one of those unfortunate incidents that shouldn't have happened," Lee said. "It was just two people trying to out-crazy each other."

Centurions captain Maurice Olivier said the krewe member has been kicked out of the 11-year-old Metairie Carnival organization. He said the krewe is embarrassed over the incident.



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