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ST. CHARLES, MO. (AP) - A 21-year-old student at Lindenwood University who reported last Friday that someone attacked her in the bathroom of Butler Library now says it never happened.



Joanna Newberry, who lives in the 1800 block of Camberly Road in Des Peres, has been charged with a misdemeanor count of making a false report.

On March 7, Newberry told St. Charles police that she had been attacked in the bathroom at Butler Library on the campus of Lindenwood University earlier that week. Newberry told police a man threatened her and attempted to remove her leggings.

She said she kicked him away, and he fled.

An alert was then sent to more than 12,000 students and staff 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 that no assault had occurred, and she had made the story up.

Newberry did not provide a specific reason for her actions.

Newberry faces up to six months in jail and a fine up to \$500. Her first court appearance will be on April 28 before Associate Circuit Judge Elizabeth Swann.

Newberry is not in custody; she will be issued a summons to appear in court.