

# Oklahoma White Woman's Attack Story Proved False

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LAWTON, Okla. — The white woman, wife of a soldier, who spread an alarm last week, alleging she had been gagged and raped by a Negro, and who later positively identified one of four Negroes arrested following a man-hunt immediately launched by the police in the Negro section, has been arrested for questioning, and the Negro she alleged raped her has been released.

First indication that the woman's story was false came when the man she identified as having assaulted her, was taken by officers to the farm where he said when he was arrested that he was picking cotton at the time the woman said she was attacked.

Another positive identification was made by the white farmer for whom the man worked that day, and other laborers also testified that the accused was working near Lawton at the time of the fantastic crime described by the woman.

Police then began to feel a little fishy about the woman's tale. Subsequent examination by doctors disclosed no evidence of rape and the whole story exploded as a monstrous hoax. Police, following questioning of the woman, are agreed that she tied and gagged herself. An ugly situation was developing before the finger of suspicion pointed towards the woman.