

# Sentencing due for fake rape story

## ■ *Bellingham*

- A Nov. 18 sentencing date has been set for a Deming woman who claimed she was raped and kidnapped, then told authorities she made it all up.
- Maxina L. Rabang was found guilty last week of giving false statements, prescription fraud and cocaine possession.
- Rabang, 33, told Whatcom County sheriff's deputies that a man abducted her at gunpoint on Aug. 2 in Bellingham, kept her tied up in his green van and repeatedly raped her. She described how she managed to escape the abductor near Blaine.
- A week later, Rabang admitted she made up the story, Deputy Prosecutor Eric Richey wrote in court documents. She told deputies she actually spent

the weekend smoking crack cocaine in Bellingham and concocted the abduction story to cover up her absence.

Before Rabang admitted the hoax, a detective followed up on 53 credible tips from Western Washington and Canada about possible kidnap suspects, Richey wrote.

The prescription fraud charge resulted because she was prescribed a drug to help her sleep after the abduction claim.