

Woman accused of filing false rape reports

Boss had place on list of 'attackers'

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Stafford County authorities compare Ayana Renee Carter to the boy who cried wolf.

The difference, police say, is that the 22-year-old Carter keeps crying rape.

Carter, 22, was indicted recently by a Stafford grand jury on three counts of filing a false police report in Stafford.

Sheriff Charles Jett said that three times since October, Carter has reported rapes that were later

determined to be unfounded.

Over the past three years, Jett said, Carter has falsely accused men of rape or sexual assault seven times.

According to police, at least four men have been named as Carter's attackers over the years, including detectives in Stafford and Fredericksburg. Each time, police said, the evidence did not support Carter's story.

Detective Jim Truslow was investigating a complaint Carter made last month when he came

across evidence indicating that Carter had lied about three recent alleged rapes.

Carter went to a magistrate's office on June 23 and obtained a warrant for felony assault and battery against her boyfriend, Truslow said.

She said she'd been beaten and sexually assaulted, Truslow said.

Truslow found evidence that Carter had been punched in the face. But he said the attack had been exaggerated, and medical evidence showed the alleged sexual assault didn't occur.

Truslow said he then interviewed Carter about her last three

rape claims and got information indicating those didn't happen.

On Oct. 27, police said, Carter reported being raped by four males at a North Stafford motel. She accused her neighbor of setting her up, and said her neighbor's son was one of the attackers. She didn't know the others, police said.

On April 3, Jett said, Carter reported being raped by a man, then declined to assist in the investigation. Jett said police later determined that Carter filed the rape charge in retaliation for a

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dispute she and the man were having.

In May, Carter accused her employer of raping her three days in a row. Police said Carter claimed the man had offered her money for sex and threatened to fire her if she didn't comply.

Truslow said Carter later told him she'd made up the story because "she didn't like working the graveyard shift."

Despite Carter's alleged history, police said they'd have to fully investigate each new claim, including collecting forensic evidence.

"It's a lot of time to waste for something that didn't happen," Truslow said.

Police sources said Carter had been charged before for filing false reports, but it wasn't clear last night if she'd been convicted.