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PRESS RELEASE

Case Number: 18-3632

LOCATION: 580 South Main Street, Red Bluff
DATE OCCURRED: 12/04/2018 @ 2:00 AM
INCIDENT: False Police Report (Sexual Assault)

SUMMARY:

On December 4, 2018 at approximately 8:00 PM:

An 18-year old woman reported to a Path Shelter staff member she had been sexually assaulted by several men. One of the men was currently sleeping in the Path Shelter with her. The staff member removed the woman from the shelter and took her to St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Red Bluff Police Officers and a detective met the woman at the hospital and began an investigation into her allegations. The woman reported she had been kidnapped at knife-point, held against her will and gang raped by three men. A sexual assault exam was performed, and injuries were noted consistent with her story.

Investigators worked through the night and into the next day to identify the crime scene and suspects involved. By December 5th at approximately 11:00 AM all three suspects had been arrested. As detectives interview the accused, their statements painted a much different picture of their relationship with the supposed victim. Additional information and inconsistencies in the woman's statement further indicated the victim was falsely accusing the men of rape. The woman was confronted by detectives and she admitted to having made the whole thing up. She stated she did have sex with the men but it was voluntary.

Two of the accused suspects in custody were immediately released from jail and all charges were dropped. The third suspect was never booked into jail because he was not positively identified by the woman and his testimony of innocence was convincing and consistent with other findings..

The woman now faces charges of making a false police report.

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