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Springfield Police Division Determines Sexual Assault Allegation to be False

SPRINGFIELD, OH (July 11, 2018) —Detectives of the Springfield Police Division have determined that the report of a sexual assault on the grounds of the Splash Zone Aquatic Center, located at 300 Eagle City Road in Springfield was false.

On July 4, 2018, at 9:04 a.m., an officer of the Springfield Police Division was dispatched to a local address to speak with a juvenile teenager on the report that they were the victim of a sexual assault at the Splash Zone on June 30, 2018 at 5:50 p.m.

An investigation was launched and the juvenile teenager who made the report was subsequently interviewed and admitted that they made up the incident. The juvenile was charged with filing a false police report.

"We have determined that a sexual assault did not occur at the Splash Zone," said Springfield Police Division Chief Lee Graf. "This young person's false statements caused needless fears and concerns amongst our citizens and pulled our officers and detectives away from the business of helping actual victims of crimes."