



# St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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## Update: Reported Missing Endanger Person Samantha Gilman

Arrested: Samantha Gilman, W/F, 04/06/90

Charge: Filing a False Police Report

Ms. Gilman was reported missing by her parents on May 29, 2011 when she failed to return home after attending a concert in downtown St. Petersburg the previous day. A media alert regarding her disappearance was issued on the 29th and several media outlets did provide significant coverage.

After Ms. Gilman returned to her brother's residence in Pinellas County on May 31st she was interviewed by detectives.

During that interview she alleged that she had been abducted and sexually assaulted by two men. She claimed she was held captive for three days until she managed to escape and make her way to her brother's house.

As detectives continued to follow-up on the case they located a man who claimed that he had met Gilman in downtown St. Petersburg at the concert on May 28th. He said that she voluntarily came home with him to his Pinellas Park residence where she spent the next three days of her own accord. He said they had traveled together around Pinellas County and provided detectives cell video footage of her at the beach.

Last evening, when confronted with the cell phone video Gilman acknowledged that her allegations were made up and that she had only wanted to spend time away from her parents. She was subsequently charged with filing a false police report.

Detectives estimate that over 160 hours of investigative time was spend attempting to locate Gilman and, after her return, conducting further investigation into her allegations.

Information provide by Mike Puetz

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