Muslim woman fined after LYING about being attacked for wearing hijab

She ran and told tales to MAMA — and they were lies. How many more of the tales told to MAMA are likewise? From the <u>Daventry Express</u> and the <u>media</u> in the wake of November's Paris attacks that she was knocked to the floor by a hooded man while wearing a hijab in Birmingham city centre. She said she was violently shoved from behind and punched in the face.

The teenager told detectives she thought she was targeted on November 23 because she was wearing Islamic headwear. But police, who treated it as a hate crime, found no evidence of the attack after spending hours trawling through CCTV footage in and around New Street where the assault allegedly took place.

Commenting on the inquiry, Superintendent Andy Parsons, of West Midlands Police, said: "Detectives spent countless hours looking through footage from the network of city centre CCTV cameras in a bid to piece together what happened. The footage shows her walking normally along New Street and at no stage does she appear in distress. There is no evidence she was physically assaulted and she was given a penalty notice for wasting police time."

Miss Choudhury said she was too scared to walk alone after the made-up attack and claimed Muslims were being targeted after the atrocities in the French capital.officers even accompanied her to the scene to retrace her steps.

She said: "I feel shocked and really scared that someone could attack you for no reason. I don't feel safe at all now. I was walking to the train station to meet some friends when someone shoved me from behind. When I turned around he punched me in

the face and then just went off"

Asking for her full name to be withheld, the student told the Birmingham Mail on December 1 that her mother had advised her to wear a hat rather than the hijab to guard against further assaults.

She has been handed a £90 fixed penalty ticket for wasting police time. A fixed penalty ticket is the sort of thing you get for minor traffic infringments like getting stuck in the