

Victims: Car ride led to rape - Girls, young women testify that while out walking he got them in his car with meal offers.

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HARPER WOODS -- One by one, four school-age girls and women said **Dennis Danell Whitsett** lured them on separate occasions into his black Lexus, made an unplanned stop at what he said was his house for a cell phone delivery and, within minutes, raped them.

Whitsett, 31, of Detroit usually offered to take the girls and young women, who were walking in Detroit during daylight hours, to breakfast, the witnesses testified Thursday in 32-A District Court.

In each case, however, **Whitsett** changed the plan and overpowered them inside the house of a woman with whom he had once lived, the victims said.

As he listened to the testimony from the girls and young women, who ranged from 14-22 years old, **Whitsett** repeatedly shook his head and his family often scoffed.

At the end of the preliminary examination, District Judge Roger LaRose ordered **Whitsett** to stand trial on rape, kidnapping and firearms charges from the alleged attacks from December to July 27.

"I said, 'Why are you doing this?' He said I brought this on myself," testified a 22-year-old woman.

As policy, The Detroit News doesn't name alleged rape victims.

Whitsett, a convicted carjacker known as "Day," took a 15-year-old to a house on the 21500 block of Newcastle last month and asked her to perform a sex act, the girl told the courtroom.

When she refused, he slugged her, ordered her to take off her clothes and repeatedly raped her, she said.

At times, he forced her to re-enact a pornographic movie playing on television, she claimed, and once pulled out a gun and threatened to kill her when she complained, the girl testified.

Less than two hours later, **Whitsett** allegedly raped the 22-year-old.

The alleged victim described a similar ruse involving a cell phone delivery and admitted smoking two marijuana cigarettes with him before she said he raped her.

Afterward, she said he pulled a rifle from a closet and told her, "This is just in case you have any of your family members come back," she testified.

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