

DETROIT MAN FACES CHARGES IN 6 ABDUCTIONS , RAPES

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A **Detroit man** who was charged with **rape** Tuesday is accused **in** six separate **abductions** of women at knifepoint, most on the west side, and assaulting them **in** his van.

Michael Eugene Vaughn, 37, allegedly attacked three women **in** August and one each **in** July, April and March.

On Tuesday, Vaughn was arraigned on **rape charges in** the first two attacks. Last week, he was arraigned **in** the other four.

In all, he is charged with 17 counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, which carries up to a life sentence **in** prison if found guilty.

Vaughn allegedly operated similarly **in** each case.

The victims reported they were walking down a street at night or early morning when a lone **man** drove up **in** a black or gray van with three pairs of baby shoes dangling from the rear-view mirror.

The **man** sometimes offered a ride. If the women declined, he would drag them inside with a knife to their necks.

Then the **man** drove to another location where he raped the women.

Vaughn is charged **in** these attacks:

* At 6 :05 a.m. on Aug. 25, a 23-year-old woman was abducted at Meyers and Grand River. Vaughn allegedly raped her and was arrested an hour later at Plymouth and Greenfield.

* Around 1:30 a.m. on Aug. 23, a 43-year-old woman was abducted at Joy and Prevost.

* Around midnight, Aug. 17, a 28-year-old woman was abducted at Joy and Hubbell.

* Around 1 a.m. on July 17, a 34-year-old woman was abducted at Woodward and East Grand Boulevard.

* At 10:15 p.m. on April 20, a 38-year-old woman was abducted at Joy and Rutherford.

* Around 3 a.m. on March 15, a 17-year-old girl was abducted at Livernois near Sparta.

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