

DETROITER CHARGED IN BUS STOP ASSAULTS - POLICE: HE MAY HAVE ATTACKED 10 WOMEN SINCE DECEMBER

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Detroit police say they caught a Detroit man they believe attacked up to 10 young women after approaching them at city bus stops.

Anton Cortez Davis, 32, faces five counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, four counts of armed robbery, one count of using a firearm to commit a felony and a count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

He was arraigned Wednesday in 36th District Court in Detroit in the attack of one of the women, whom he allegedly robbed and sexually assaulted. He is accused of holding her at gunpoint and stealing money, identification and keys during the assault.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy also has charged **Davis** in connection with three other sexual assaults and robberies. He forced the women into vacant homes or garages to assault them, according to a news release from Worthy.

"Each victim quickly reported the crimes to police," Worthy said in the statement. "Their actions substantially assisted in bringing him to justice."

In each assault, the victim told police her attacker had a handgun.

The Free Press generally does not identify victims of sexual assault.

Davis was arrested Tuesday in the 4200 block of Guilford after officers spotted him, said Robert Dunlap, Detroit police assistant chief of operations portfolio.

The officers recognized **Davis** based on a composite sketch the alleged victims helped create. He was caught after a brief foot chase.

"This arrest came as a result of some very hard police work," Dunlap said. "We are grateful to have him off the streets."

Dunlap said **Davis** is a habitual offender and a parole absconder.

Police said the victims were between the ages of 14 and 22.

They said **Davis** typically approached them in a friendly way at bus stops in east and northeast Detroit and then attacked them.

The last reported incident was March 18 at a bus stop near 7 Mile and Hull. Dunlap said police investigators found **Davis** because some of the items he allegedly stole from victims were found in the area.

The first assault was reported in December.

Dunlap also said there is physical evidence that links **Davis** to the crimes.

Davis is to undergo tests for venereal diseases.

If convicted of the charges, he faces up to life in prison.

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CAPTION: **Anton** Cortez **Davis** , 32, of Detroit is arraigned Wednesday in 36th District Court in Detroit in connection with assaults on young women.

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