

DETROIT POLICE NAB SUSPECT IN WEST VILLAGE ROBBERY

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A Detroit man, who allegedly raped a woman and robbed her and her husband in a West Village home, was arrested Monday by Detroit police, who said that Nov. 21 incident bears striking similarities to the slaying four days later of a North Rosedale Park man.

James Lee Johnson, 18, was arrested 3 p.m. Monday at East Grand Boulevard and East Lafayette and turned over to homicide investigators.

Officially, police would not comment on possible links between Johnson and the slaying of Andre Poux, 58, about 6 a.m. on Nov. 25 in the 16500 block of Shaftsbury Road.

But several police officials, who asked not to be identified because of department regulations about speaking to journalists, said a flashlight taken from the home ransacked Nov. 21 was recovered on the front lawn of the Poux home. In addition, both incidents were in predawn hours.

No charges have been issued in the Poux killing, authorities said.

Johnson had been named in a 36th District Court warrant charging him with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, two counts of armed robbery, breaking and entering and using a firearm during a felony in the 5:15 a.m. Nov. 21 incident in the 700 block of Seyburn on the city's east side.

A second defendant, **Eugene Posey Jr.**, 26, of Detroit faces armed robbery, breaking and entering and felony firearm charges in the West Village incident. **Posey** was arrested Nov. 27 and arraigned Saturday. Bond was set at \$35,000, and he faces a Dec. 11 preliminary examination.

Grosse Pointe Park police also said they are investigating whether Johnson and **Posey** might be linked to break-ins in that suburb.

According to court records contained in the warrant in the Seyburn incident:

A 41-year-old man and his 43-year-old wife were awakened about 5:15 a.m. by two intruders holding flashlights and guns. Money and jewelry was taken and one of the suspects sexually assaulted the woman twice. The home was ransacked.

The woman later identified Johnson as the rapist.

Fred Moore, a police fingerprint specialist, was able to determine that **Posey** was a likely suspect in the case based on a readout from a computer-aided fingerprinting search known as AFIS. He was captured after he tried to flee a home in the 16100 block of Marlowe.

Posey was paroled Aug. 7 after serving part of a 2 1/2-to-15 year sentence for receiving and concealing stolen property. He also has convictions for breaking and entering and armed robbery.

Johnson had several complaints in the Wayne County juvenile system, but a search of court files indicated he was convicted only on a charge of receiving and concealing property over \$100 on Oct. 23, 1987.

Caption: Photo

James Johnson ***

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