

MAN CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH TEENAGER HE ABUSED TAZAR CARTER IN CRACK HOUSE, POLICE SAY

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A 35-year-old Detroit man was charged Friday with criminal sexual conduct involving the 15-year-old boy police suspected had been forced to sell crack cocaine to settle his mother's drug debt.

Robert Stanley is expected to be arraigned today in 36th District Court in Detroit on charges that can bring a penalty of up to life in prison.

According to the warrant signed Friday, Stanley allegedly forced the boy, **Tazar Carter**, to perform sex acts on two women in the crack house Stanley operated.

Meanwhile, prosecutors said drug charges against **Tazar** will be dropped at his Dec. 13 juvenile court hearing.

"We've dropped the dope charges; the truancy charges still stand," said Richard Padzieski, chief of operations for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Padzieski said officials had filed charges of possession with intent to deliver cocaine against **Tazar** this week to keep him safely in detention while police searched for people who were using the youth to sell crack cocaine.

The charges were based on **Tazar**'s statements to police that he had sold drugs -- although the youth denied that he did so to satisfy his mother's drug debt, Padzieski said.

"The charges shouldn't have been there," Padzieski said. "We need some independent basis that he was dealing drugs."

Tazar also had told police that if placed in foster care or back in the home of his grandmother, Regina **Carter**, he would run away.

One official, who asked not to be identified, said little evidence was found to show that **Tazar**'s mother, Mary **Carter**, 34, had sold **Tazar** to a drug dealer to satisfy her debt.

In September, **Carter** reported her son missing and gave police a description and license number of a car she saw him leave in. **Carter**, who is in jail on an unrelated charge, told the Free Press that **Tazar** wanted to sell drugs and she couldn't stop him.

"I didn't want him to do this. When I turned around he was in the car with the drug dealer," **Carter** said, adding that she gave the license number to police but an officer copied it down wrong.

Carter said she was a crack cocaine addict for several years but gave up drugs eight months ago. She said she believes **Tazar** was selling drugs to earn money to help his family find a stable home.

Carter 's two other children are living with their grandmother.

Tazar has said he had worked for drug dealers since July.

Wayne County Juvenile Court Referee Harriet Harris, who set **Tazar** 's \$10,000 bond Tuesday, said no one has asked to reduce his bond.

Tazar also is accused of being truant from school and of running away from home -- offenses that are not crimes but can bring children under juvenile court jurisdiction.

Under state law, the children cannot just be locked up, but if they disobey a judge's order to attend school or obey their parents, they can be detained or placed in a treatment program.

Officials said police still are looking for one suspect -- known to authorities only as "Man," his street nickname -- who first used **Tazar** to sell drugs.

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