

Man charged in rape of teen - Detroit police and Sheriff's Dept. deputies say he is a suspect in other attacks.

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HIGHLAND PARK -- Cooperation between Detroit police and Wayne County Sheriff's detectives led to the capture of a 33-year-old suspect, who could be involved in as many as a dozen rapes in both cities.

Carlos Durell Simmons of Detroit was arraigned Thursday in 31st District Court in Highland Park on three counts of criminal sexual conduct involving a reported rape of a 15-year-old girl in September 2004 and another of an adult woman in October 2005 in Highland Park.

He was ordered held on cash bonds of \$500,000 in each case.

Simmons came to police attention on Feb. 8 when he was arrested by Detroit police in connection with a rape complaint. In going through old composite sketches of rape suspects, Detroit detectives found one from a Highland Park case that resembled Simmons and alerted Wayne County Sheriff's Detective James Hines to the match.

The Sheriff's Department provides police services to Highland Park. Hines' follow-up investigation led him to the two Highland Park victims.

The 15-year-old and the adult victim picked Simmons out of a police line-up.

Hines said during an interview Simmons talked about 12 other unsolved rapes in Highland Park even though he did not admit to those crimes.

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