

STUDENT , 17 , RAPED ON WAY TO CLASS PREGNANT TEEN IS THIRD VICTIM THIS SCHOOL YEAR

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Detroit police said they have no suspects in **the** Wednesday morning rape of a **17** -year-old **student** who is 8 months pregnant. It is **the** third schoolgirl rape this school year.

The girl was walking **on** Glynn Court near Third **on the** west side around 8:50 a.m. when a man approached her with a gun and told her **to** go with him **to the** side of a garage in **the** 700 block of Glynn Court, police said. He then **raped** her.

She was less than a block away from **the** Nancy Boykin Continuing Education Center, a high school for teen mothers or expectant mothers. After **the** attack, she told police she was able **to** run **to** her school. She was taken **to** Hutzel Hospital in Detroit and admitted because she complained of abdominal pains, police said.

The girl told police that when **the** man approached her, he showed her a gun and told her **to** walk **to the** side of **the** garage. He then asked her whether she had any money.

When she replied "no," he began patting her down, police said. He then said "I'm going **to** rape you.'

He also stole her blue leather jacket and book bag, she told police.

After **the** sexual assault, he told **the** teen **to** step through a fence and into **the** backyard, she said. **The** girl could not fit through **the** fence because of her large stomach, so he ordered her **to** walk around **to the** other side of **the** garage.

When she lost sight of him, **the** girl told police she ran **to** school. **The** girl told police she didn't know her attacker.

This is **the** third schoolgirl rape reported this school year.

On Dec. 20, a 15-year-old Redford High School freshman was accosted as she walked **to** school and **raped** at gunpoint in a car at Kendall near Evergreen **on the** city's west side.

On Sept. 29, a 15-year-old **student** was waiting for a bus near Evergreen and Grand River **on the** west side when a man approached her with a gun.

He told her **to** start walking, dragged her between a house and garage and **raped** her, police said.

Neither of those cases have been solved, said Sgt. Martin Gaynor of **the** Detroit Police Department sex-crimes unit.

Though two of **the** rapes occurred in **the** same area, he could not say whether a serial rapist was walking Detroit's streets.

"Hopefully there will be evidence back ...within a few days that will help us answer that question," he said. "We're investigating everything."

Twelve of **the** 14 cases of schoolgirl sexual assaults that occurred in Detroit during **the** 1999-2000 school year have been closed.

All **the** rapes occurred while **the** girls were walking **to** or from school.

The string of schoolgirl rapes last year prompted city officials **to** set up **the** Safe Streets program, an attempt **to** mobilize parents and residents **to** patrol around schools.

In October, though, a team of Free Press reporters canvassed **the** streets and concluded that city government officials, police and corporate officials are not overly visible around **the** schools, even those where rapes occurred last year.

* Anyone with information can call **the** Sex Crimes Unit at 313-596-1950 anytime.

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