

SUSPECT IN 2 SCHOOL ASSAULTS HELD

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Detroit police Friday arrested a 28-year-old man they believe responsible for two schoolgirl assaults in recent months.

Police Chief Benny Napoleon said a warrant will be sought on two counts of assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct. The man could be arraigned as early as Sunday.

The man would be charged as a repeat offender. He has been convicted of exposure.

Police said the man abducted a 15-year-old McKenzie High School student at gunpoint Wednesday in the area of West Chicago and Schaefer. He took her to another location and sexually assaulted her before releasing her, police said.

Napoleon said the man also is responsible for the attempted abduction of a schoolgirl Oct. 29. In that case, a 15-year-old McKenzie High School student said she was walking in the area of Oakman and Stairwell around 7:50 a.m. when a man approached her, grabbed at her and began chasing her. She told police the man ran away as they got close to her school.

Napoleon said now only two reports of recent assaults on schoolgirls have failed to result in arrests.

Eight girls had previously told police they were attacked on the way to school since classes began Sept. 9.

Desselonger Ross, a 27-year-old Detroit, has been charged with four counts of rape.

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