

## **Suspect in attacks faces new charges - Detroit man arraigned in five more rape, kidnapping cases in Harper Woods.**

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Prosecutors filed five new rape and kidnapping charges Wednesday against a Detroit man already suspected in a string of attacks on the city's east side and in Harper Woods and urged any other victims to come forward.

**Dennis Danell Whitsett**, 30, was arraigned Wednesday in Harper Woods on the new charges there.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy called **Whitsett** an "insatiable and inhumane predator" who targeted school-age black women walking alone, usually during the day before noon. The eight alleged victims range in age from 15 to 22. **Whitsett** may have known one of them, Worthy said.

"This case really shatters a lot of the stereotypes people have about rape," Worthy said during a news conference.

**Whitsett** typically raped his victims in a friend's house in Harper Woods after abducting the women and forcing them into a car, authorities said. The attacks began in December and continued through July 27, Worthy said. She said **Whitsett**'s friend insisted he had no idea about the alleged assaults.

On the day police arrested him, **Whitsett** allegedly raped a 15-year-old at 11 a.m. and a 22-year-old less than three hours later.

**Whitsett** pleaded guilty to carjacking in 1995 and served less than six years of a maximum 15-year sentence, records show.

Victims and witnesses are asked to call the Detroit Police Department Sex Crimes Unit at (313) 596-1950 or the Harper Woods Police Department at (313) 343-2530.

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