

SUSPECT, 20, HELD IN ATTACKS ON EIGHT WOMEN

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A 20-year-old Detroit man is being held without bond in connection with a string of rapes, attempted rapes and beatings involving eight east side women.

Kelvin Bernard Simmons is being held at the Wayne County Jail on three counts of rape, five counts of attempted rape, and one count each of unarmed robbery and breaking and entering, Police Chief William Hart said Thursday.

The incidents began April 3, 1982.

"He terrorized these women and beat them," Hart said. "This is one of the worst crimes you can commit, breaking into someone's home and raping them."

SIMMONS WAS arrested Jan. 12 after breaking into an apartment in the 8500 block of Van Dyke.

Hart said two women, ages 40 and 56, were in their apartment when **Simmons** kicked in the front door and beat both women with his fists. The older of the two victims ran for help and phoned police when **Simmons** took the younger woman into an alley and raped her, police said.

Four officers from the 15th (Gratiot) Precinct, found the younger woman lying in the alley with **Simmons**, unclothed, standing over her.

The officers arrested **Simmons** after a short chase. Investigation of that incident resulted in **Simmons** being charged with breaking into the same apartment Nov. 19, when he attempted to rape the older woman.

Police investigations of similar incidents in the area have led to the other charges.

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