

## **2 TEENAGERS FACE SEXUAL ASSAULT CHARGES GIRL ALLEGEDLY ATTACKED AT WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL**

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Two teenage boys were charged as juveniles with first-degree criminal sexual conduct Thursday for an alleged assault on a 14-year-old girl at Wayne Memorial High School on May 11.

The boys, Westland residents ages 14 and 15, were released from the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility after their parents posted \$250 bonds.

If convicted the boys, whose names are being withheld because of their juvenile status, face mandatory testing for the virus that causes AIDS, possible placement in a residential treatment program until age 19 and a listing on the state's registry of sex offenders for 25 years.

Meanwhile, four teens facing adult penalties in the alleged rape of a 12-year-old girl at Hutchins Middle School in Detroit on May 1 were arraigned Thursday before Wayne County Circuit Judge Karen Fort Hood. Hood assigned the case to Judge Patricia Fresard.

All are charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct. If convicted, **Audi Dawson** and Dominique Brown, both 15 and from Detroit, face up to life in prison. A 14-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl from Detroit may be sentenced as juveniles or adults.

The four are free on bond and also would face mandatory testing for sexually transmitted disease and permanent listing on the sex offenders registry.

Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan said even though both cases involve juveniles, they are being treated differently because of the circumstances.

"In the case of Hutchins, we had a premeditated plan of abduction and rape of a 12-year-old by a 15-year-old she didn't know, and I thought that needed to be treated as harsh as possible," Duggan said.

The girl told authorities she was lured from class and raped.

In the Wayne Memorial case, Duggan said, "we have a 14-year-old girl who had engaged in sexual activities with 14- and 15-year-old boys consensually the day before the incident."

Duggan said the girl allowed the boys to fondle her the second day, but said no to oral sex. One boy held her down while the other performed the sex act against her will, Duggan said.

"The nature of an attack on somebody who goes voluntarily and engages in consensual activities is far different than a premeditated plan of rape and abduction," the prosecutor said.

The girl told police that the boys threatened to spread false stories about her if she did not let them have sex with her.

Attorney Seymour Schwartz, who represented both boys Thursday, said the sexual contact was consensual. "There is no crime here," Schwartz said.

The Wayne Memorial youths face a pretrial hearing July 9 in Juvenile Court.

The four from Hutchins have a June 22 pretrial hearing in Circuit Court.

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