

MAN CHARGED IN 36 CRIMES ESCAPED FROM DEHOCO \ A TRUSTY THERE, HE WALKED AWAY IN AUGUST

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An 18-year-old west side **man**, who is **charged** with 36 crimes including murder, **rape**, kidnapping and robbery, escaped from the Detroit House of Correction as a trusty **in** August, corrections officials said Tuesday.

His escape came five days after he was put on trusty status and 27 days after he was sentenced to one year at the minimum- security prison.

Andre Thomas McKnight, formally **charged in** six warrants issued Monday and **in** another issued Saturday, was being held **in** the Wayne County Jail without bond on the murder charge.

He was ordered held on \$600,000 cash bond on the other charges.

McKNIGHT PLEADED guilty July 22 to attempted breaking and entering of a dwelling, according to Detroit Corrections Department records.

He was sentenced on Aug. 2 to one year at DeHoCo with 27 days credit for time he served **in** the county jail between the time of his arrest and his sentencing date.

"Our interviews when he arrived here Aug. 2 showed no negative aggressiveness, so he was transferred to the trusty division on Aug. 24," Emmett Baylor, director of the Detroit Corrections Department, said Tuesday.

McKnight walked away Aug. 29.

The new warrants charge him **in** a series of crimes since New Year's Eve.

McKnight faces a preliminary examination Feb. 21 on several charges, with another exam set for Feb. 24 on the murder and the remaining charges against him.

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