



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 15-12974

On August 2, 2015, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety responded to the Bicentennial Trail trailhead, located at Kilgore Road and Lovers Lane, in reference to a female that had been assaulted. The female, a 22-year-old Portage resident, stated she was jogging on the trail and had run past the suspect going in the same direction. A short time later, the suspect grabbed the victim from behind and pulled her off the trail. The victim screamed and fought off the suspect. The suspect then fled the area on foot.

A Portage Public Safety officer responding to the scene observed a subject near Loy Norrix High School who matched the description of the suspect. After further investigation, the subject was arrested. The suspect, a 19-year-old Kalamazoo resident, was lodged at the Kalamazoo County Jail, and the case is being reviewed by the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's office.

UPDATE

Jamal Stephon Johnson was arraigned on one count of Unlawful Imprisonment and one count of Assault. A \$50,000.00 bond was set.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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