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Detroit Man Arrested and Charged in Three Sexual Assaults Spanning from 1997 to 2004

Prosecutor Kym Worthy is charging Akida Diaba Dudley, 51, in connection with three serial sexual assaults committed in the City of Detroit spanning from 1997 until 2004. None of the sexual assault survivors knew the defendant. The investigation was conducted by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault Kit Task Force detectives. On April 14, 2025, the Wayne County Fugitive Apprehension Team, comprised of members of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Detroit Police Department arrested and took the defendant into custody. The case will be tried by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Carley Kocks and Assistant Attorney General Aylysh Gallagher, who is a Project Consultant assigned to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Victim #1 – Location Grand River and West Warren in Detroit

On June 9, 1997, the then 30-year-old complainant was standing around Grand River and West Warren near a bus stop. While there the defendant pulled up next to her and got out of his car. He then produced a knife and forced her in his vehicle. He held the knife against her and began driving. He later pulled over and ordered the complainant out of the car and sexually assaulted her outside his car. She was left with little clothing while the defendant fled from the area in his car. The complainant went to a local hospital where she was examined, and a sexual assault kit (SAK) was completed. The SAK was later taken to the Detroit police where it went untested for several years.

Defendant Dudley has been charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct First-Degree (Use of a Weapon), and Criminal Sexual Conduct Third-Degree (Force and Coercion).*

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Victim #2 – Location Near Livernois and Fenkell in Detroit

On September 22, 1997, at 1:00 a.m., the then 16-year-old complainant was standing at a bus stop on Livernois and Fenkell. It is alleged that the defendant was driving a sedan and asked her if she needed a ride. The victim believed she had seen him before at a motorcycle club and agreed to get in the car. The defendant drove her to a location near Livernois and asked her for sex. She refused and attempted to leave the car. The defendant had an ice pick and threatened to stab the victim. He sexually assaulted the victim and afterward he dropped her off in the area and left in his car. The victim had a sexual assault examination, and her sexual assault kit was taken to the Detroit police. The SAK was later taken to the Detroit Police property room but was not sent out for testing at that time.

Defendant Dudley has been charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct First-Degree (Use of a Weapon), and Criminal Sexual Conduct Third-Degree (Force and Coercion).*

Victim #3 – Location Fenkell and Wyoming in Detroit

On August 9, 2004, the then 18-year-old complainant was walking around Fenkell and Wyoming in Detroit when an unknown man pulled up next to her with what she thought was a gun which caused her to enter into his car. Once inside the car she saw the weapon was knife that was held against her as he drove away. It is alleged that the defendant drove her to an unknown location and sexually assaulted her. She was released on Seven Mile Road and caught a bus to a friend's house. She later made a police report, and a sexual assault kit was taken and turned over to the Detroit police in 2004 but was not sent out for testing at that time.

Defendant Dudley has been charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct First-Degree (Use of a Weapon) , and Criminal Sexual Conduct Third-Degree (Force and Coercion).*

Further facts and evidence will be released in court at the preliminary examination for each case. There are currently other cases being investigated at this time. If you believe that you have been sexually assaulted by the defendant, please contact The Wayne County Sexual Assault Kit Task Force at 313-224-2782.

"The sexual assault kits in these cases are from the kits found in a DPD evidence storage facility in 2009. As of August 2025, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office will have been continuously doing this work for 16 years. We support our courageous survivors who are willing to come forward and prosecute these cases after waiting for so long for justice.

"The Wayne County Sexual Assault Kit Task Force currently has 260 convictions. I am proud of the work that we and all our collaborators continue to do prosecuting Detroit's stockpiled sexual assault kits. Our work has made Michigan a national role model in this field. It is important to acknowledge that this would not be possible without the support of the Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans, the Wayne County Commission, Michigan Women's Forward, the Joyful Heart Foundation and the African American 490 Group who are the core members of our public and private partnership," said Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

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Defendant Dudley was arraigned and remanded to jail this morning in 36th District Court before Magistrate Laura Echartea. The Probable Cause Conference is scheduled for April 28, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., and the Preliminary Examination is scheduled for May 5, 2025, at 1:45 p.m., before Judge Shawn Jacque.

Please request a photograph of the defendant from the Detroit Police Department.

*The charges are allegations and defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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