



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 17-17876

On June 27, 2017 at approximately 5:40 p.m., Portage Department of Public Safety received a report of an assault at Lakeview Park, located at 9345 Portage Road. Once on scene, officers interviewed a female victim, who advised that an unknown subject grabbed her while she was jogging in a secluded area of the park and pulled her to the ground. When the victim began to scream, the suspect let her go and took off running. Several police officers and park rangers responded to the area; however, the suspect was not located.

The victim described the suspect as a black male in his late teens to early twenties. The suspect had a thin build and was described as wearing camouflage cargo shorts and a white tank top. The victim also believes she may have seen the suspect riding a bike in the area before the assault took place.

UPDATE

On July 12, 2017, detectives from the Portage Department of Public Safety, with the assistance of officers from the Kalamazoo Township Police Department and the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, arrested Jamal Stephon Johnson. The 21-year-old Kalamazoo County resident was arrested on a two-count warrant authorized by the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office. Jamal Johnson is being charged with one count of Unlawful Imprisonment and one count of Assault and Battery. On July 13, 2017, Johnson was arraigned on those charges and is currently lodged at the Kalamazoo County Jail.

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