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MEDIA RELEASE

UPDATE: September 22, 2017

On September 21, 2017, a victim reported she was held against her will and physically and sexually assaulted by someone known to her. When deputies attempted to talk with the 27 year old suspect, Thomas Edward Soisson, he fled on foot. After an extensive search, Thomas Soisson was arrested near Alpine Avenue and 3 Mile Road.

On September 22, 2017, the Kent County Prosecutor's Office issued the following charges on Thomas Soisson related to the incident: Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 1st Degree, Kidnapping, Assault by Strangulation, Resisting and Obstructing a Police Officer, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, and being a violent habitual felony offender.

Thomas Soisson is currently being held at the Kent County Correctional Facility on those charges and will be arraigned at a later date.

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At this point, we believe the suspect is no longer in the immediate area. The investigation is on-going. People are free to go about their business as usual. However, this individual is still at large in the community and residents should remain cautious. We ask that citizens report any suspicious activity that could lead to the apprehension of this suspect.

September 21, 2017

Kent County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of Michigan State Police (MSP) helicopter, are currently tracking a potentially armed and dangerous subject in the York Creek Apartment area. We believe the suspect committed a violent crime while armed with a weapon. All residences are advised to stay indoors and report any suspicious activity.

Subject is described as a black male, light skinned, 6'-0", 170 lbs, gray shirt, jeans, heavily tattooed from his chin to his neck.

Please contact the Kent County Sheriff Department Dispatch at 616-632-6357, with any information.

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