

RAPE SUSPECT GIVES UP IN ALABAMA

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A Detroit man, who police say is a serial rapist responsible for at least 10 attacks on the northwest side, turned himself in to authorities in Alabama after Detroit police contacted him, police said Friday.

Dwayne Lamont Peterson, 26, was in jail at the Andalusia Public Safety Department after surrendering Thursday afternoon, said Capt. Billy Treadaway.

"He said he hadn't done anything in Detroit, and he wanted to get it clear," Treadaway said.

Detroit authorities contend **Peterson** fled Michigan when police began closing in on him.

Police said **Peterson** is wanted for a string of burglaries and rapes. The incidents occurred -- usually during the daytime -- from September through earlier this month in the 12th (Palmer Park) Precinct.

Detroit investigators contacted **Peterson** by phone Thursday. They are expected to question him this weekend in Alabama, Treadaway said.

Peterson already is named in two 36th District Court warrants.

In an incident Monday, **Peterson** allegedly shot and robbed Beverly Meah, 38, at a home in the 18500 block of Santa Barbara, according to a police report.

Meah had left the house about 10:30 a.m. and surprised the suspect when she returned about 1:10 p.m. When she tried to flee, **Peterson** allegedly shot her in the leg and took her purse, which contained \$70.

A witness identified **Peterson**.

In a Nov. 4 case, **Peterson** allegedly tried to rape a 19-year-old woman after breaking into her home in the 18900 block of Ohio. Police said the woman returned home and found **Peterson** inside. He allegedly used a screwdriver and butcher knife to threaten her. The woman successfully fought him off.

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