New charges filed against Marcy-Holmes suspected serial rapist

Jory Wiebrand was charged with sexual assault and kidnapping from an incident in Marcy-Holmes last February.

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A trash bin adorned with the silhouette of Minneapolis is half buried in snow in the Marcy Holmes neighborhood on Tuesday, Jan. 28. The neighborhood provides housing for a significant number of University students.

Three new charges were filed against Jory D. Wiebrand Thursday.

Wiebrand, 34, is a suspected serial rapist who police believe to be responsible for numerous sexual assaults and attempted sexual assaults in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood in recent years. He is now facing six charges following an arrest last month.

Prosecutors allege Wiebrand kidnapped and sexually assaulted a woman on Feb. 8, 2019 at the 600 block of 8th Street Southeast in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood. According to the criminal complaint, the victim said she was on her way to a bus stop. When she noticed the suspect walking toward her, she looked away because she "didn't want to be judgmental." The suspect passed then grabbed the victim and dragged her to a small wooded area, according to the complaint.

The suspect groped the victim over her clothing, then fled when a neighbor emerged from their home, the complaint read.

Wiebrand was charged with first- and second-degree criminal sexual conduct and kidnapping.

The victim suffered cuts to her face from the incident. Blood wiped away by the victim with a tissue was tested and found to have DNA linking Wiebrand.

The Ham Lake man is currently in custody on separate charges. He was charged last month with first-degree burglary and criminal predatory conduct from a break-in last June. Wiebrand was also charged with first-degree criminal sexual assault and first-degree burglary assault, according to the complaint.

Wiebrand is suspected in 12 sexual assaults, break-ins and attempted sexual assaults, including the incident in early February. At least four of these incidents took place in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood, beginning in 2015.

This is a breaking news report. More information will be added as it becomes available.



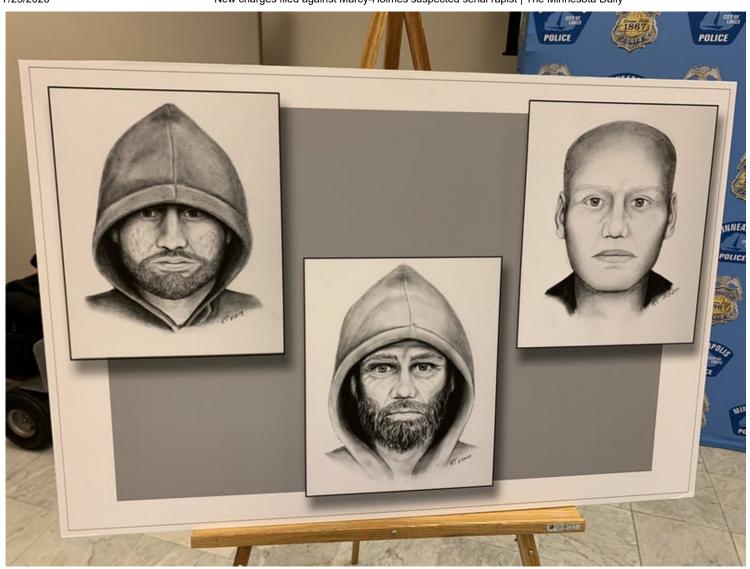
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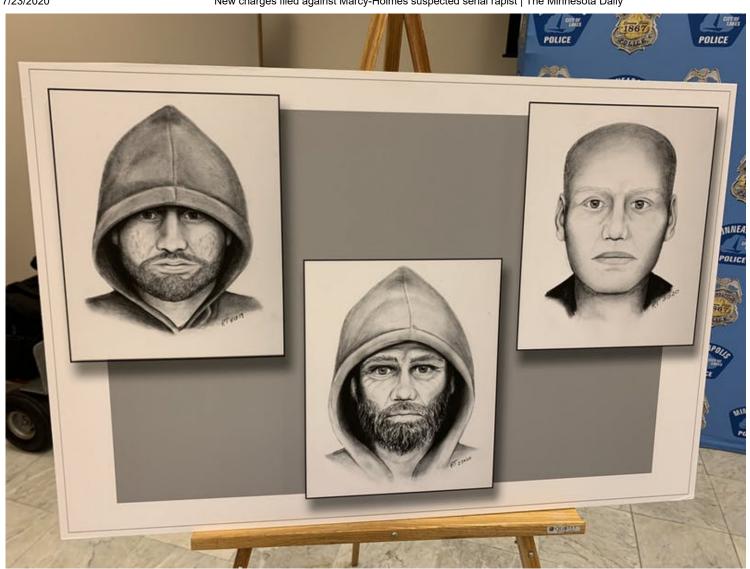
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