
MEDIA RELEASE

Criminal Sexual Conduct 4th Degree Investigation and Arrest



Ian Mathew Johnson

Auburn Hills, MI – On June 16, 2025, at approximately 5:45 p.m., the Auburn Hills Police Department responded to a report from a female who stated she had been groped by a male suspect while walking on the Clinton River Trail, east of I-75. The incident occurred around 4:15 p.m. that same afternoon. Officers immediately searched the area but were unable to locate anyone matching the suspect's description at that time.

On July 9, 2025, the department received a second report from another female who encountered a suspicious male following her on the trail near Avondale High School. The suspect's description closely matched the one provided in the June 16th incident.

Officers and detectives canvassed the area and obtained surveillance footage. Using information from a partial license plate and distinct characteristics of the vehicle, detectives located the vehicle in an apartment complex south of the trail and were able to identify a suspect. Both victims positively identified the individual in a photographic lineup.

On July 15, 2025, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized an arrest warrant for Criminal Sexual Conduct – Fourth Degree (Forcible Touching) for the suspect. Detectives also obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence.

On July 16, 2025, Auburn Hills Detectives and Officers executed the search warrant at the suspect's residence. The individual was taken into custody without incident and lodged at the Oakland County Jail.

On July 17, 2025, the suspect, Ian Matthew Johnson, a 20-year-old Auburn Hills resident, was arraigned in front of Magistrate Soma at the 52-3 District Court. Johnson's bond was set at \$7,500, 10% allowed cash or surety, with a GPS tether upon release, banned from the Clinton River Trail. If convicted, Johnson faces a Misdemeanor that is punishable by up to 2 years in jail, a fine up to \$500, and mandatory sex offender registration. Johnson's next court date is scheduled for July 31, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in front of Judge Asadoorian for a probable cause conference.

The Auburn Hills Police Department commends the bravery of the victims and the thorough work of our Investigations Division staff. We also appreciate the assistance of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office in this case.

"Thanks to reports from the victims, police were able to identify this defendant and make sure he won't harass anyone else," said Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald. "We suspect these weren't isolated incidents. If you think this person accosted you, contact your local police. Together, we can make our parks and trails safe for everyone."

Anyone who may have witnessed, has information related to this incident, or has encountered this suspect in a similar situation is asked to contact the Auburn Hills Police Department at 248-370-9460.

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