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HPD Charges Individual in Rape Case

HARRISONBURG, VA – March 1, 2020, a Harrisonburg resident reported that she had been abducted, assaulted and raped by a person known to her. The Harrisonburg Police Department's Major Crimes Unit (MCU) investigated the incident which led to the suspect turning himself in to police on March 9, 2020.

Joshua Josiah Ausberry, 31, of Harrisonburg was charged with rape, attempted malicious bodily injury, and abduction with intent to defile.

This is still an active investigation. During the time of the incident, the victim was in the Family Dollar store, 761 E. Market St, Harrisonburg on Thursday night, February 27, 2020. HPD's Major Crimes Unit asks if anyone was in the area during this time, or those with information about the case contact them at (540) 437-2640. To remain anonymous, information can be sent through Crime Solvers by texting "HPD" plus the tip to 274637 or by calling (540) 574-5050.

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