



# UTICA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Brief Description of Incident: On March 21, 2010 the Utica Police Department was notified that a forcible rape had occurred on Kemble St. in Utica at approximately 12:45 a.m. Uniformed officers took the report from a female victim who reported that she was walking home from her friend's house on Sunset Ave. and as she walked west on Oswego St. she encountered a group of males in the vicinity of Genesee and Oswego. These males began whistling at her and one of the males began to follow her. When she got to the area of Kemble and James the male grabbed her from behind and put his arm around her neck. The male then dragged the female behind a house where he proceeded to sexually assault her. During the course of the assault the suspect stole the victim's cell phone and a pack of her cigarettes.

The case was assigned to Inv. Tricia Nicholson and a suspect was developed. The investigation revealed that the suspect was wanted for absconding from the Tryon Youth Facility in Johnstown, N.Y. and has been missing since January of 2010.

Suspects/ Persons Arrested:

**Rashod Johnson**, age 17. Charged with one count of rape in the first degree, a class B felony, robbery in the third degree, a class C felony, resisting arrest, a class A misdemeanor and false personation, a class B misdemeanor.

Units/ Departments Involved:

Utica Police Patrol Division,  
Juvenile Aid Division and  
Criminal Investigation Division.