

Warrants are anticipated in serial rape case

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The press conference was scheduled, Patterson said, because of information leaks to the media from police in North Olmsted, Ohio, after Szeeman's arrest.

Szeeman, an Ohio native, was indicted Tuesday by an Ohio grand jury and will stand trial on charges of aggravated rape and aggravated burglary. A third charge of aggravated attempted murder was dropped. Szeeman is being held in lieu of \$750,000 bond, cash or surety only.

"We are sitting through the physical evidence in an attempt to identify him and the him in all 12 rapes. Whether we will be successful in all

12 or none depends on the investigation," Patterson continued. Szeeman's connection to the Oakland County attacks was discovered after his arrest in suburban Cleveland. West Bloomfield Police Chief Alfred McGhee confirmed that Szeeman lived in the township for about six months. "We understand the suspect left Michigan two days after the last assault (March 31)," Dwyer said.

ONE of the 12 attacks occurred near Szeeman's former Heather Health Lane residence, near 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield.

A bath-robed man who answered the door at the Heather Health Lane

house Szeeman lived until April said "no," he didn't live with Szeeman and "no," no one else there did either.

One woman who lived in the neighborhood where Szeeman lived said she wanted to remain anonymous. "I'm not aware of anything. It's really quiet over there. It's a quiet residential neighborhood. Everybody kind of mind's their own business."

Szeeman was an industrial sales representative for BFT Systems for the past six months in the firm's Cleveland office, said Judy Klingler, public relations director. Officials at American Way Service Co. in Southfield would not confirm published reports that Szeeman

worked there as a clerk before leaving for Ohio.

Police officials in North Olmsted contacted Farmington Hills police at 3 a.m. Friday when they thought there might be a connection between the suspect and the Oakland County attacks because the Ohio rape involved a ski-masked, knife-wielding man.

Patterson, Dwyer and police officials from Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Township would not detail specific evidence being gathered from their Ohio investigation.

PATTERSON SAID Szeeman is now the sole suspect in the string of Oakland County attacks even though police originally theorized there might be two men, one a copycat, involved.

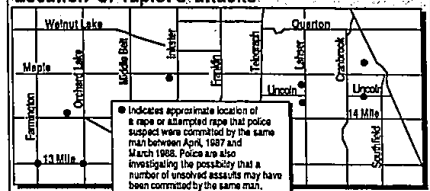
Patterson would not confirm whether the Ohio suspect discussed or confessed involvement in the Oakland County rapes and attempted rapes. Patterson also would not say whether the unnamed suspect has a prior police record. Other police sources could not find any criminal history for Szeeman.

Three Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township officers and an assistant Oakland County prosecutor were sent to Ohio when North Olmsted police contacted Farmington Hills police.

Extraditing the suspect to Michigan has not been discussed. "I think they will conclude their matter before extradition," Oakland County assistant prosecutor John Slevin said. Patterson speculated that Szeeman could be brought to Oakland County by January. He said he'd consider staying on past Jan. 1, when he leaves office, to try the case. "Any prosecutor worth his salt would want to try the case," Patterson said.

IN THE Ohio incident, about 40 people helped police chase and catch Szeeman, after a woman was raped at

Location of rapist's attacks



knife-point twice while she visited her parents' house in North Olmsted, a suburb southwest of Cleveland.

The woman, 24, told police she was alone in the house Nov. 10 when she confronted a man wearing a ski mask and carrying with a small knife, said Capt. Dennis Secek of the North Olmsted police. He apparently got in through a back door and where he had been hiding between the back door and storm door.

The man forced her to disrobe and raped her twice.

"She was able to flee as he was in the process of taking things from the house," Secek said. "He pursued her outside."

The attacker grabbed a butcher knife first, chased her outside and

tackled the nude woman on a lawn but she got away. Police were called when residents reported seeing a nude woman pounding on a door for help. Some neighbors chased him away, Secek said.

The man ran past a Pizza Hut, across a four-lane highway and past a car dealership, where employees and customers joined the chase. He was cornered behind a house where he was arrested when police arrived, Secek said.

Despite a prime suspect emerging, Farmington Hills Lt. Richard Murphy urged women not to let down their guard. "Just because you may get one suspect off the street doesn't mean another's not out there," he said.

Oakland attacks recounted

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when she arrived home. He left with a diamond ring, a stereo cassette recorder and a purse.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

On April 8, 1987, a woman in her 40s was raped in a house near Lahser and Maple about 1:30 a.m. On April 24, 1987, in the same house, another woman in her 40s was raped about 10 a.m.

On Sept. 18, 1987, a baby-sitter in her early teens was raped in a house near Lincoln and Lahser about midnight.

The rapist robbed each residence.

BIRMINGHAM

On Jan. 28, 1988, a would-be rapist was scared off when a friend of his 17-year-old victim paid a visit to a house near Puritan and Maple about 9 p.m. The residence was robbed. The rape was aborted when the would-be rapist was scared off when his hand slipped and he cut a woman in her 40s, prompting her to scream, after he demanded sex in a house near Lincoln and Cranbrook about 10 p.m. A victim first was confronted in the garage.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

On May 9, 1987, a woman in her

40s was met by a man in the garage of a condominium where she was staying near 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, led upstairs, raped and robbed of jewelry and a camera.

On Oct. 15, 1987, a woman in her 40s was grabbed from behind in her garage near Maple and Inkster. She resisted, screamed and tripped her assailant. Her screams were heard by her 16-year-old daughter, who opened the garage door and ran to a neighbor for help.

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On March 5, 1988, a 53-year-old woman drove up to her condominium, opened the garage door with an electronic opener, went inside and closed the door. After getting out of her car, she was confronted by a man with a knife.

At first, he announced a robbery, demanding jewelry and cash from her purse. But he then forced her into a bedroom, where he raped her.

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