CLARKSTON MAN IN CUSTODY AND CHARGED IN RECENT PARK PATHWAY ASSAULTS

FLINT – Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton announced this morning that he has charged a Clarkston man in the recent violent assaults against two women who were jogging on two local park pathways in Genesee County.

40-year-old Charles Thomas Gamble (d.o.b. 11-07-1975) has been charged with two counts of Assault with Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm Less Than Murder, each a 10-year felony, and one misdemeanor count of Assault and Battery.

On September 30, 2016, a 33-year-old Davison Township woman was jogging on the Abernathy Park portion of Davison Regional Park off Frank Boyce Parkway when a man coming toward her crossed into her path and struck her in the face with his fist. The incident caused her to blackout and she awoke on the pavement with injuries to her face. The woman was taken to an area hospital for treatment.

On October 7, 2016, a 36-year-old mother was with her 7-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter and was running just west of Goodrich Middle School when a man jumped out from behind a tree and started punching the woman. The woman's son was running behind her and, as he came upon the struggle, he began yelling at which point the assailant took off, striking the child as he ran away. The woman recalled that her daughter was back at her vehicle in the parking lot so she took a shortcut through the woods to get to her daughter at which point she was able to see her attacker get into a black SUV and drive off.

"An investigation by the police and the Sheriff's Office led us to our suspect," said Prosecutor Leyton. "We will continue to investigate for further evidence and will do everything we can to see that justice is served and the public's safety is not at risk from this man," he said.

Gamble is in custody in the Genesee County jail and will be arraigned today in 67th District Court.

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