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Sexual Assault Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports an arrest has been made in an extensive rape investigation. The investigation was conducted by the Birmingham Police Department's Special Victim's Unit.

The suspect has been identified as:

Johnathan Fitzgerald Lockett AKA Master Lockett, (39), b/m, of Birmingham, Alabama.

On November 20, 2020, BPD's Crime Reduction Team with the help of the Hoover Police Department arrested Lockett within the city limits of Hoover.

Detectives presented the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office for review. After an assessment, Detectives obtained warrants for Attempted Rape, Kidnapping, and Sodomy. Jonathan Fitzgerald Lockett was arrested and transported to the Jefferson County Jail with no bond.

The preliminary investigation indicates the suspect was involved in the sexual assaults of two women dating back to December of 2019 and as recent as November 2020. The investigation also suggest the suspect made contact with his victims by means of social media and dating websites. He then arranged to meet the victims for dates and sexually assaulted them thereafter.

If you have been victimized in any way by this person please come forward. Contact the Birmingham Police Department's Special Victims Unit at 205-254-8413 or Crime Stoppers at 205-254-7777.

See multiple attached photos of the suspect dating back to 2015.

The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed