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UPDATE

Serial Rape Investigation-Arrest

Case Numbers: **10SC7898 / 11SC00740 / 11SC03053 / 17SC05101**

On Tuesday, July 21, 2020, The State College Police arrested Jeffrey P. Fields (36) of Port Matilda, PA in connection with four rapes of Penn State students which occurred between 2010 to 2017. In all four cases the females were assaulted outdoors by an unknown male.

1. **10SC7898** - On 8/22/10, A 20-year-old woman reported being raped in the area of Apple Alley in the Borough of State College.
2. **11SC00740** - On 1/28/11, A 19-year-old woman reported being raped in the area of Fraternity Row in the Borough of State College.
3. **11SC03053** - On 4/3/11, A 20-year-old woman reported being raped in the area of Fairmount Avenue and South Burrowes Street in the Borough of State College.
4. **17SC05101** - On 7/16/17, A 19-year-old woman reported being raped in the area of West Prospect Avenue and South Atherton Street in the Borough of State College.

DNA was collected during rape examinations performed at the time of each assault. Those DNA samples were submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Crime Lab which linked all four rapes to one unknown suspect. During the investigation process, the State College Police utilized Genetic Genealogy Screening to develop Jeffrey Fields as the suspect involved in the rapes.

Fields was charged with multiple counts of Felony Rape, Sexual Assault, Involuntary Deviant Sexual Intercourse, and Misdemeanor Simple Assault.

Fields was arraigned before District Justice 49-1-01 Donald Hahn and placed in the Centre County Correctional Facility without bail.

Additional details can be obtained from the criminal complaint filed with the District Justice. No additional information will be provided at this time as this is an active prosecution by the Centre County District Attorney's Office.