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Teen faces multiple charges in Highland

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Detectives with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Highland Substation believe an 18-year-old who is being held in the Livingston County Jail is responsible for several crimes in Highland, including home invasions, vehicle break-ins and the recent assault of his girlfriend.

The name of the Highland teen is being withheld until he is arraigned on the Highland charges.

Det. Chris Miller said he interviewed the teen in April in the Oakland County Jail, where he was being held on an unrelated domestic violence charge. Miller said the teen admitted to breaking into a garage in February at a home where he had stayed for a while. He admitted to stealing propane tanks, a generator, liquor, a wheel barrow, a hand cart and more, which he said he needed because he was homeless.

He has also been linked to a home invasion in 2007, which included the theft of a hand gun. "During the interview, he confessed to that, too. He said he had to pay of a drug debt," Miller said.

The teen was released on bond from the Oakland County Jail before Miller was issued warrants on the other charges, but was arrested in Livingston County's Hamburg Township recently for fighting and resisting arrest.

"He fought with police, too," Miller said.

Miller and Det. Steve Zdravkovski said following his release from the Oakland County Jail and prior to his trouble in Hamburg, the teen broke into another home in Highland where his girlfriend is staying, and then assaulted her. He fled before deputies arrived to arrest him. He is awaiting arraignment on those charges, too.

The teen, who reportedly has been on his own since he was 15 years old, is likely facing several years in prison, Miller said.

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