

Nightlong hunt ends with arrest of rape suspect

A man suspected of rape and kidnapping was caught this morning after an all-night search.

Maj. Jay McDonald with the Marion Police Department said they caught Larry Hudson after releasing a pair of felony warrants for his arrest Wednesday evening.

Hudson, 57, of Marion, was arrested after police found him hiding in a camper the 700 block of Bennett Street at 8:43 a.m. Thursday.

"We were out all night," McDonald said.

Police were tipped off to Hudson's location by the Marion County Probation Department. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and was transported to the Multi-County Correctional Center.

A 17-year-old female victim was treated at Marion General Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. She has been released, according to police.

McDonald said an incident occurred Sept. 17 near the 160 block of North Vine Street that led to the first-degree felony warrants. He would not go into details of the incident, as the investigation is ongoing, but described it as a "violent" act.

According to Marion County Court of Common Pleas records, Hudson is a registered sex offender who had been convicted on charges of abduction, domestic violence, possession of cocaine and drug abuse.

Marion police were assisted by the METRICH-MARMET Drug Task Force, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification and the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

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