

Woman fights off alleged rape attempt with broken door

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BRANDON TWP. — A man has been jailed on a \$1 million bond after allegedly breaking into a neighbor's home Sept. 5 and trying to sexually assault her.

Michael Lee Friske, 26, of Brandon Township is being held at the Oakland County Jail. He was arraigned Friday on charges of criminal sexual conduct, assault with intent to commit sexual penetration, first degree home invasion, and felonious assault. He was slated for a preliminary hearing today before Judge Kelley Kostin at the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston.

Oakland County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Michael Searing said a woman at the Clarkston Lakes Mobile Home told investigators she was asleep in her living room with her two-year-old baby, when she was awakened by a noise around 5 a.m.

Searing said the victim, identified only as a woman in her 20s, told deputies she



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was confronted by a man armed with a utility knife who grabbed her by the hair and forced her back into the living room.

The victim told investigators her attacker threatened to slit her throat and then cut out the back of her blouse with the utility knife. At about this time, the woman's child woke up and began crying.

The attacker, according to reports, then forced her down a hallway toward a

bedroom. Along the way the woman grabbed at the exterior door and it came off its hinges. While in the hallway, Searing said she held the door between herself and her attacker. He added when the door came off its hinges, it activated a recently installed burglar alarm.

The woman, said Searing, then charged her attacker with the door, forcing him out of the mobile home. Once outside, the man ran off. The woman's alarm company called her on her cell phone to check on her well being and then she called sheriff's deputies.

The woman suffered bruising from the attack and the child was uninjured.

Searing said the suspect was in custody for questioning less than a hour after the attack and deputies were able to obtain an arrest warrant Friday. He said prior to this incident, Friske had minor run-ins with the law.

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