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Inmate faces new charges after attack on deputy

(September 10, 2013) Detroit – An inmate captured on the east side of Detroit Monday night after he stabbed a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy with a sharpened comb earlier in the day will be arraigned Wednesday on an array of charges stemming from the assault and escape.

Abraham Pearson, who has used the alias Derreck White, attacked the deputy in a holding cell outside a courtroom in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice as Pearson faced sentencing for carjacking and armed robbery charges. Pearson's escape prompted a day-long manhunt that resulted in his arrest Monday night on the east side of Detroit.

Pearson, 25, was attempting to flag down cars in an attempt to get a ride when police arrived. Pearson, who had spent much of the day hiding in a vacant house in Detroit, was captured after a brief foot chase, police said.

Deputy Harrison Tolliver was treated for injuries and released from Detroit Receiving Hospital on Monday. A retired Detroit police officer, he joined the Sheriff's Office last December.

Pearson took the deputy's uniform and handcuffed him before escaping. The attack occurred in front of two other inmates in the cell. The inmates did not intervene or leave the cell. Pearson carjacked a civilian after escaping from the rear of the courthouse.

Pearson, who has a lengthy criminal history, was facing 10 to 15 years in prison for a previous carjacking, armed robbery and related charges. On Tuesday morning, Pearson was arraigned on a capias warrant for failing to appear for the sentencing. His bond of \$250,000 was revoked by Wayne Circuit Judge Dana Hathaway who rescheduled sentencing for September 23.

On Wednesday, Pearson is scheduled to be charged with more than 10 crimes, including assault with intent to commit murder, carjacking and escape from custody.

“I am ever thankful for the joint effort that was exhibited by the community, the media and law enforcement,” said Wayne County Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon. “This collaboration led to the rapid capture of an extremely dangerous predator.”

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