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**Grand Jury Returns Three Indictments
Against Michael Hutchins for Several Crimes
Including Robbery and Rape**

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CLEVELAND – Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Grand Jury has returned three indictments against Michael Hutchins, 17, for several offenses that occurred between October 9th, 2018, and February 14th, 2019.

“This juvenile has continuously ignored numerous rehabilitation opportunities. He is a danger to every person whose path he crosses and needs to be incarcerated for a long, long time,” said Prosecutor O'Malley. “I pray that these victims have the strength and support to continue to move forward after these horrific events.”

Hutchins has been indicted on the following charges:

- 3 counts of Rape (with Sexually Violent Predator Specifications)
- 2 counts of Kidnapping (with Sexually Violent Predator and Sexual Motivation Specifications)
- 2 counts of Gross Sexual Imposition
- 2 counts of Robbery
- 5 counts of Theft
- 1 count of Grand Theft
- 2 counts of Burglary
- 1 count of Escape

On October 9th, 2018, Cleveland Christian Home staff attempted to transport Hutchins back to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center. He broke free of staff members' grasp and ran away.

On November 4th, 2018, Hutchins stole a laptop from a 53-year-old female on the campus of Cleveland State University. The defendant walked into the Wolstein Center blending in with a group of students to gain entry. He entered the victim's office, stole the laptop, and fled the scene.

In the late afternoon on February 14th, 2019, a 35-year-old female was walking through the 5th Street Arcade in Downtown Cleveland when Hutchins ran up behind her, reached inside her purse, and stole her cellphone. The victim and a nearby witness ran after Hutchins. He threw the cellphone on the ground as he fled the scene.

Approximately two hours later, the defendant walked into a fitness center on Prospect Ave located across the street from the Arcade, stole car keys from a 24-year-old male, and fled the gym.

A short time later, Hutchins sexually assaulted a 51-year-old victim in a nearby parking garage located on Prospect Avenue. Walking to her car after work, the victim entered the parking garage elevator. The defendant suddenly got on the same elevator. When the victim exited, Hutchins attacked her. When she tried to get away, he threatened to shoot and sexually assaulted her. She attempted to escape but he dragged her back into her car. Hutchins attempted to drive away, but he hit a wall in the parking garage. He stole the victim's cellphone, credit card, and money. As he exited the car to flee, he threatened to kill her if she called police.

Hutchins was arrested five days later by Cleveland Police. Investigation was conducted by the Cleveland Police Sex Crimes Unit and Cleveland State Police Department.

Hutchins was bound over from Juvenile Court on May 3rd. He is currently being held on \$1,350,000 bond. If convicted, Hutchins faces up to Life in prison.

Arraignment is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th at 8:30am at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center.

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