

## Teen serial rapist surprises court

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MONTREAL -- An 18-year-old Montreal man accused of sexually assaulting 11 women startled a youth court judge by pleading guilty as part of a plea agreement. Because the man was a juvenile when the crimes were committed, his name cannot be published, the Montreal Gazette reported. The man apologized to the victims and their families for the pain he had caused, and said part of the reason for his plea was to spare them having to testify, the report said. As part of the deal, he pleaded guilty to eight counts and was convicted on one. Two other sexual assault counts were withdrawn as part of the agreement, along with 11 charges of armed robbery and forcible confinement. The attacks took place between November 2005 and October 2006 and in three cases involved threatening the victims with a knife, the report said. Crown Prosecutor Sylvie Lemieux said she would seek to have the man sentenced as an adult, which would mean the man could be sentenced to 14 years in prison, the Gazette said.

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