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On February 11, 2015, at 9:30 p.m., Ravalli County Sheriffs Deputies responded to a residence in the 300 block of East 9th Street in Stevensville, on, a report of a possible sexual assault.

Once on the scene, deputies spoke with the complainant, an adult Stevensville resident who knows the victim. The complainant explained that she babysat for the victim on February 11, and that she noticed that there was something wrong with the victim's demeanor.

The victim eventually disclosed that she had been forcibly injected with methamphetamine, and that she was then repeatedly raped over the course of several days.

Deputies made contact with the victim and observed visible bruising on her arms and throat. The victim also had what appeared to be fresh "track marks" on her arms. The victim told deputies that she is 17 years old, and is the biological mother of her 8-month-old son.

The victim said that she had met Byron Craig Hall Jr. during orientation at the Bitterroot College in Hamilton, on January 21. She did not know that he was 32 years old but thought he was much younger.

On the evening of February 6, the victim invited Hall to her residence. The victim inadvertently mentioned Hall's ex-girlfriend. She said that at that point, Hall "just snapped" and became extremely angry. The victim alleges that Hall pushed her down on the bed and began strangling her, with his hands around her throat until she lost consciousness. She alleges that when she woke up, Hall asked her if she had liked that, and proceeded to strangle her again, until she lost consciousness again. This time, when she woke up, she said that Hall was on top of her and he informed her that he had just injected her with "crystal meth" and that she was "dirty like him" now.

The victim said that she became extremely confused and disoriented, and that Hall then engaged in sexual intercourse without her consent over the course of several days. She reports that she was held in her residence by force, through the use of methamphetamine, and that Hall told her that he had tested positive for Hepatitis C.

The victim consented to a search of her residence, and deputies found three used syringes, one metal spoon, and a small baggie with a white residue. The residue in the bag was field tested and was positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

The victim was examined at a Missoula hospital, and had sustained injuries consistent with a sexual assault. She also had recent puncture wounds on her arms consistent with needle marks, also known as “track marks.”

According to Ravalli County Sheriff Chris Hoffman, the suspect, Byron Craig Hall Jr. was located on February 12, in a Corvallis apartment. Ravalli County deputies arrested Hall without incident.

Hall faces multiple felony charges including Aggravated Kidnapping, three counts of Sexual Intercourse Without Consent, two counts of Aggravated Assault, one count of Child Criminal Endangerment, one count of Criminal Distribution of Dangerous Drugs, and one count of Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs.

Bond set on the above charges is \$750,000. However, Hall is being held without bond on a parole violation stemming from a 2002 conviction in Flathead County for Operation of a Clandestine Drug Lab. Hall had been released from the Great Falls Regional Prison in October of 2014.

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