

Dodge Center man charged with criminal sexual conduct

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A Dodge Center man has been charged with the sexual contact of a Lyle girl.

Isaac Joseph Jones, 30, of 62936 200th Ave., was charged Wednesday in Mower County District Court with one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, both felonies. The victim is younger than 16.

According to the criminal complaint, Jones and the victim met in a Lyle city park about 4 a.m. Monday, then went to a camper at the residence of the victim.

The victim's father saw her walking away from the camper at about 7 a.m., according to the complaint. Upon seeing the camper door being pulled closed from the inside, the father said he put a screwdriver in the lock hasp, so whoever was inside could not escape, according to the complaint.

Mower County Sheriff's deputies arrived at about 10:30 a.m.

Jones told the deputies that he came to "hang out" with his "friend." Jones also reportedly said he had known the victim "for a few months."

The victim told the deputies that she and Jones had been kissing and that Jones had touched her in a sexual manner. According to the complaint, the victim told deputies that Jones had earlier asked her, via text message, to have sex with him.

He is scheduled to be in court Aug. 25.

If convicted of the third-degree count, Jones faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, a \$30,000 fine or both. The maximum penalty for fourth-degree charge would be 10 years in prison, a \$20,000 fine or both.