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Press Release

Arkansas City man arrested for harboring a runaway juvenile

Meyers accused of aggravated indecent liberties with 15-year-old Mo. girl

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (November 4, 2015) — An Arkansas City man was arrested Tuesday after a runaway juvenile from Missouri was found at his residence at 925 N. Fourth St.

Ricky Lee Meyers II, 18, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated indecent liberties with a child and contributing to the misconduct of a child. He was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$5,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Bond for aggravated indecent liberties with a child will be set by the court.

Meyers remained in custody at the time of this report.

Officers received information Tuesday from the Greene County (Mo.) Sheriff's Office that a 15-year-old female runaway from Springfield, Mo., might be in the Arkansas City area with her boyfriend.

They went to Meyers' residence about 5:45 p.m. to check for the missing girl. No one initially answered, but a resident arrived at the scene a short time later while officers were talking with neighbors.

The resident consented to their entering the home, where they made contact with Meyers. A subsequent search of the premises found the 15-year-old girl hiding in the house's basement.

Both Meyers and the juvenile were taken into custody after officers confirmed she was listed as a runaway. They were interviewed and information was gathered pertaining to the investigation.

The girl was taken to Cowley County Juvenile Intake to be held for authorities in Greene County.

A defendant's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

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