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News Release

Ark City man arrested Wednesday on suspicion of sexual battery

Yai also accused of attempted assault, criminal restraint, domestic battery, theft

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (April 22, 2021) — The Arkansas City Police Department arrested an Arkansas City man Wednesday afternoon after he allegedly attempted to assault a woman sexually.

Yai Deng Godge Yai, 41, was arrested on one misdemeanor count each of suspicion of battery-domestic violence, criminal restraint, sexual battery and theft.

He was transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$6,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Yai remained in custody at the time of this release.

Officers were dispatched about 3 p.m. Wednesday to the 1100 block of North Ninth Street for a report of an attempted sexual assault.

They contacted the victim, a 36-year-old woman from Grandview, Missouri. She reported that a male suspect known to her, later identified as Yai, had allegedly attacked her and taken her purse away.

The victim told police that Yai had solicited her for sex, but when she said no and tried to leave, he allegedly grabbed her purse and began to pull down her pants, tearing her clothing in the process.

The victim fought him off and was able to get away and call 911. Yai was located on foot several blocks away from where the altercation allegedly occurred and was taken into custody without incident.

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

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