

Sleepy Eye man faces sex assault charges

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SLEEPY EYE - A 20-year-old Sleepy Eye man has been charged with 10 counts of felony criminal sexual conduct after an alleged sexual assault that took place July 18 at a Brown County gravel pit south of Sleepy Eye.

Five first-degree counts, four second-degree counts and a third-degree criminal sexual conduct charge were filed in Brown County District Court Tuesday against Andrick G. Sanchez, 812 4th Ave. S.E., Sleepy Eye.

Sanchez' bail was set Tuesday at \$250,000 without conditions; \$100,000 with conditions. Bail conditions included no alcohol or controlled substance use or possession, no contact with victims or witnesses, and complying with curfew. A court appearance was set for 8:30 a.m., Aug. 4. Sanchez does not have legal representation yet.

According to court documents, the mother of the alleged victim called law enforcement to report Sanchez forced her daughter to have sex at about 2:30 a.m., Saturday, July 18.

The victim said she met Sanchez through mutual friends and were going to meet with a friend, identified in the complaint as witness 2, and her boyfriend, witness 3. The victim went to witness 3's home and Sanchez did not arrive to meet them. She spent some time with witness 2 and 3 before starting to drive back to her residence.

While traveling home, Sanchez sent the victim a Snap Chat message asking her if she could pick him up at a party because he was drinking. The victim agreed and Sanchez sent her directions.

When she arrived at the farm, Sanchez told her to drive to the Sleepy Eye airport. As they drove past it, Sanchez gave her directions to a remote gravel pit on his friend's property and said he would meet some of his friends there.

Sanchez told the victim to stop her car about four miles south of Sleepy Eye and said his friends would arrive soon. Witness 2 sent the victim a Snap Chat message asking her why she was "out in the middle of nowhere" with Sanchez and asked her if she