

# Sleepy Eye man faces charges of sex with child

BROWN COUNTY - Three first-degree felony criminal sexual conduct charges involving a child under age 13, were filed against a 56-year-old Sleepy Eye man in Brown County Court March 10.

The charges allege Dale T. Postel, 117 Walnut St. S.E., Sleepy Eye, engaged in sexual actions with a person under age 13 about 20 years ago, and that he was more than three years older than the complainant.

Postel bailed out of Brown County Jail custody March 10 with conditions that he have no contact with victims, have no contact with persons under age 18, and obtain probation permission before leaving the state.

Postel's bail was set at \$100,000 without conditions and \$2,000 with conditions in a March 10 hearing using remote technology. A pre-trial hearing was set for 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 23.

According to the complaint, a woman told Sleepy Eye Police March 6 that her adult daughter told her she was sexually assaulted by Postel at his home.

The first woman said her daughter told her Postel sexually assaulted her multiple times from 2000 to 2005 and that the abuse began when the girl was five years old. A second woman said Postel would drug a girl in his home.

In addition, both women told police there could be up to five or six more victims and two others willing to talk to law enforcement.

The alleged victim told Sleepy Eye Police Investigator Bohnen she would stay overnight at her cousins' house in Sleepy Eye, and Postel would take her out of the room at night, she would wake up on a couch, one time on top of Postel, and her underwear was on backwards or wasn't on at all.