

Former Lyon County Deputy Faces Abuse Charges

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Christopher Lincecum

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A former Lyon County, Iowa deputy faces sex abuse charges. Christopher Lincecum, 35, was arrested Tuesday, charged with the felony crime.

According to information from the Iowa Department of Public Safety, the Lyon County Sheriff's Department began investigating Lincecum last month. The charges stem from an incident involving a 15 year-old girl.

Investigators say Lincecum drove the 15 year-old girl in his Lyon County patrol car as a passenger

in a ride-along on two occasions. One of those times, Lincecum had inappropriate sexual contact with the girl.

The investigation followed allegations at the request of both the Lyon County Sheriff's office and the county attorney. Lyon County Sheriff's office turned down an interview request citing the state investigation.

Attempts to reach Lincecum at his home Tuesday evening were also refused.

"It does happen, no matter what size of town you live in," Rock Rapids resident Richard Thiner said.

Thiner had just heard the news Tuesday night. He was one of the only people who would comment publicly about the allegations.

"It should have been caught way before now," Thiner said. "He should have been arrested way before now if they knew about it."

Others in town call the situation, "sad," especially because a sheriff's deputy was supposedly involved. The abuse charge is a class C Felony. Lincecum was booked, but bonded out of jail Tuesday.

Lincecum was still a deputy with the Lyon County Sheriff's department when the alleged abuse occurred. He left the department in spring of 2013 due to an unrelated matter.

The case now moves on to the Iowa Attorney General's office.

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