

California man pleads not guilty to assaulting 10-year-old Casper girl

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What's next: Trial or a change of plea hearing will be set at a later date.

A California man accused of molesting a 10-year-old girl pleaded not guilty in Natrona County District Court on Monday morning.

Glynn Howard Johnson was charged with one count of second-degree sexual abuse of a minor and one count of third-degree sexual abuse of a minor.

The girl initially only told her friends about the alleged assault, but the friends soon urged her to tell her parents, according to a police report.

When interviewed by the Children's Advocacy Project in Casper, the alleged victim said Johnson had rubbed her privates and repeatedly asked her to take off her pants. The girl drew a picture of the event that featured Johnson reaching over her and touching her vagina.

Casper police read text messages reportedly sent from Johnson to another adult male, according to the affidavit.

"... I will live with that till the day I die," Johnson responded via text when asked if he admitted to his actions.

When police spoke with Johnson over the phone while he was in California, he said he was retired from law enforcement and had investigated child sex assault cases.

Johnson reportedly said he did not remember touching the girl, as he was on Ambien, a sleep aid, at the time. According to police, Johnson neither confirmed nor denied the assault.

If convicted, Johnson could face up to 20 years in prison for the second-degree charge and 15 years for the third-degree charge.

Johnson's trial or change of plea hearing will be set at a later date.

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