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Man Charged With Statutory Rape Involving a Juvenile He Met on TikTok

(TOWN OF DICKINSON, NY) A 25-year-old man is facing felony statutory rape charges after allegedly traveling from Tennessee to engage in sex with a 15-year-old female he met on TikTok.

On Sunday, March 15, 2026, members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol responded to a report of sexual offenses involving a juvenile female at the Hillside Inn & Suites on Old Front Street in the Town of Dickinson.

As a result of the investigation, deputies charged Samuel F. Harris, age 25, with two (2) counts of Rape in the 3rd Degree, Class E Felonies, and Child Endangerment, a Class A Misdemeanor.

The investigation showed that Harris had met at 15-year-old female on the social media platform TikTok and had exchanged messages over the past five months. Harris then purchased a bus ticket from Tennessee to New York to meet with the juvenile. On Saturday, March 14, Harris allegedly met with the juvenile, who was staying at the hotel and engaged in sexual acts while her mother was out getting food.

Upon making contact with BCSO deputies, Harris allegedly stated, "I'm caught, ain't I?"

Following the investigation, Harris was arrested, charged and arraigned at Central Arraignment Part before being remanded to the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility. An Order of Protection was filed on behalf of the victim.

"Excellent work, as always, by our Broome County Sheriff's Office deputies in quickly getting sexual predators off the street and away from our community's children," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "We will continue to hold these predators accountable, but parents must continue to be ever vigilant when it comes to social media use by their children. Sexual predators are unbound by geographical distance, and will use social media any way they can to find and exploit their victims."

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