

Facebook meet-up leads to alleged rape

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A teenage girl became the victim of an alleged sexual assault when she reportedly met up with Clayton Russell after chatting with him for about two months on the popular social media site Facebook.

According to a criminal complaint, filed in Magistrate Court June 6 by McKinley County Sheriff's Department Det. Anthony Ashley, Russell, 20, allegedly raped the teen after an early morning of partying near McGaffey Lake.

The complaint states that the teen girl, "R.Y.", said during an interview with police that Russell sent her a message, so she snuck out of her house at 1 am on May 30 to meet up with him. She said he was driving a gray, older van and had a friend with him who went by the name Adrian – whose full name is Adrian Thompson.

R.Y. said the trio stopped at Gilbert Ortega's, where Russell fueled up. From there, they headed to McDonald's, where they met up with another man who R.Y. recalled went by the name of Chance, but who was actually Cain Thomas. He was in another car with an unidentified woman.

The group then headed to McGaffey. Russell reportedly asked R.Y. if she wanted some beer or pot, which she refused. When Thompson passed out, Russell made his move and was allegedly greeted by multiple "no's" before forcing himself on the unwilling teen.

When interviewed by Ashley, Russell admitted to engaging in some heavy foreplay with R.Y., but denied they had intercourse. From there, Ashley explained the DNA process. It was at that point that Russell said that he had consensual intercourse with the girl.

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However, his story crumbled when Ashley reportedly asked Russell if R.Y. asked him to “stop” at any point during the encounter.

He replied, and said that he stopped when R.Y. said, “stop,” for the third time.

Russell faces one count of criminal sexual penetration in the second degree, and one count of criminal sexual contact of a minor in the fourth degree. He’s currently being detained at the McKinley County Adult ***Detention Center on a \$10,000 cash-only bond.***

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