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### Maryville MO. Man Facing Felony Charges

MARYVILLE, Mo. (AP) - A white northwest Missouri man is charged with felony assault after he allegedly confronted a black waitress as she served him breakfast.

Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice announced Wednesday that he charged 65-year-old Tommy Dean Gaa, of Maryville, with felony assault motivated by discrimination.

The Maryville Daily Forum reports Gaa is accused of confronting the waitress on Sunday and grabbing her arm, causing bruising. A probable cause statement says Gaa said "I have a place I would like to take you where I hung your grandpa" and used racial slurs.

Gaa was released from the Nodaway County Jail on \$4,900 bond. Online records don't indicate if he has an attorney.

Rice says the comments were bad enough but Gaa crossed the line when he grabbed the waitress.

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