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Beatrice Man Facing Trials on Rape and Pornography Charges

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) - A 30-year-old Beatrice man has been granted one trial for possession of child pornography and one on charges that he raped and choked a 29-year-old woman at his home.

Gage County District Court Judge Paul Korslund granted Joseph Buttercase the two trials on Tuesday.

His first trial is scheduled for Aug. 6 on charges that include rape, false imprisonment, terroristic threats and strangulation. Authorities say he attacked a woman in July after they argued.

Investigators who checked Buttercase's computer for a video of the alleged assault say they found images of child pornography.

His pornography trial is scheduled to begin Oct. 9.

Buttercase has pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

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