

Missing teen located, sex offender arrested

**(KAIR)--A teenage runaway from Jefferson County had been in the company of a registered sex offender.**

**WIBW-TV reports the teen and 21-year-old Jacob Cowles were both located following a search launched Sunday.**

**Despite concerns that the teen had been abducted, Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Herrig told the TV station the teen left with Cowles willingly.**

**The teen apparently had returned home following the search, which led his parents to notify authorities who in turn located Cowles and placed him under arrest.**

**Cowles faces numerous charges, including aggravated criminal sodomy, indecent liberties with a child between the ages of 14 and 16, and solicit to engage.**

**Following his arrest, Cowles was booked into the Jefferson County Jail.**

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