

Fairview man facing child sex, drug charges

(KNZA)--A Fairview man is facing child sex and drug charges after authorities were called to investigate a disturbance last week.

According to a report from Brown County Sheriff John Merchant, his office received a 911 call of a disturbance in the vicinity of 210 Lodge Road, in Hiawatha, around 11:40 Thursday night.

Deputies arrived on the scene and investigated the complaint with assistance from Hiawatha Police.

After an initial investigation, Merchant said 23-year-old Dakota Wilhite was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

After further investigation, Merchant said Wilhite was also taken into custody on several child sex charges.

The case was forwarded to the Brown County Attorney for review.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill said a criminal complaint was filed Friday charging Wilhite with a felony count of sexual exploitation of a child under 18 and misdemeanor counts of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Wilhite was released from the Brown County Jail Friday after posting a \$25,000 bond.