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Defendant's Name: Binod Dhimal
Age: 19
City and State of residence: Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal File Number: 15-190
Incident Date: January 3, 2015
Indicted: June 10, 2015
Arrested: July 6, 2015
Dismissed: May 5, 2016
Defense Attorney: Bob Tiefenthaler

Case Synopsis:

On or about January 3, 2015, law enforcement was told that Binod Dhimal and another young man removed a juvenile female from her residence by force and further forced this juvenile into unconsented sexual situations. Dhimal cooperated with the investigation and advised that he was with a male juvenile relative during the incident with the Beresford female juvenile. The SD Division of Criminal Investigation tracked down Dhimal's relative who also cooperated in the investigation. Dhimal and his relative advised that they were invited to go to Beresford by the alleged victim for the express purpose of consensual sexual relations. The investigation had also identified that this juvenile had registered with an on-line dating service with the assistance of her father. This juvenile's access to the such a service was a violation of the juvenile's safety plan. The juvenile in this case, has unique requirements and is typically institutionalized except for this vacation time that she spent with her father. The file against Dhimal and Dhimal's juvenile relative were dismissed following an interview and polygraph which revealed an extensive knowledge of the alleged victim and personal details that were relayed to Dhimal and his relative by the alleged victim. The knowledge is inconsistent with the alleged victim's account of events. At this point, law enforcement investigators no longer believe that this case can be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.