

FIRST GLANCE

Jefferson City man accused of pimping for prostitute, 15

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A Jefferson City man faces a felony charge today for allegedly using a 15-year-old girl as a prostitute.

Errol Isom, 40, has been charged with one count of promotion of prostitution, a class B felony.

Isom was released from the Cole County Jail on Tuesday after posting the required 10 percent — \$5,000 — of a \$50,000 bond.

Jefferson City police Det. Lee Tubbesing said officials from the Division of Family Services informed police of Isom's alleged activities on March 11.

The incident for which Isom was charged reportedly occurred on Dec. 11, 2003, Cole County Prosecutor Bill Tackett said.

The charge says Isom promoted prostitution by "procuring or soliciting patrons."

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felony status — meaning Isom could face up to a 15-year prison term — because the girl is a juvenile, Tackett noted.

If she were an adult, the charge could have been a lesser felony, Tackett said, noting the girl won't likely face any charges.

"Because she is a juvenile," Tackett said, "it would take her being certified as an adult by the juvenile court for us to even consider any charges. I think that would be extremely unlikely in this setting."

Isom reportedly has been on parole since 2001, when he was released from prison following a conviction for heroin possession in St. Louis County.