

Two Scottsburg men have pleaded not guilty in Scott Superior Court to sex-related crimes.

According to court documents, Anthony W. Everhart, 36, reportedly admitted to showing a 13-year-old girl a cell phone photo of his private area "...because he was curious as to what she would say," the probable cause affidavit related. The incident allegedly occurred on March 8. Everhart admitted to the action on May 22, Lt. Richey Barton of the Scottsburg Police Department stated.

Everhart is charged with a Class D felony, dissemination of matter harmful to minors.

The investigation of the case against Mark A. Sandlin, 23, began on May 25, the probable cause affidavit stated. On that date, Lt./Detective Mike Nichols interviewed a minor female, who said Sandlin attempted to have sexual relations with her at a Scottsburg park on May 24. The act was not completed, according to police information.

Sandlin is charged with public indecency and public nudity, both Class A misdemeanors.

Sandlin appeared for an initial court hearing on June 11 before Judge Marsha Owens Howser. On his not guilty plea, the judge set a jury trial date of August 13, assigned his case to a public defender and set bond at \$15,000 corporate surety/10% cash.

A "no contact" protective order was served on him, ordering him to have no communications with the alleged victim.

Everhart appeared pursuant to an arrest warrant issued for him on Friday, June 15, for his initial hearing. He too pleaded not guilty and received the services of a public defender. His jury date is September 11.

Everhart filed a cash bond of \$1,500 and was released from custody that day.