

# Apartment prostitution case stuns community

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**ELKHORN** — A husband and wife are facing charges of operating a prostitution business for several years in their apartment on a quiet residential street in Elkhorn.

Police say the woman was having sex with men in exchange for money for as long as 10 years, and that her husband supported it because the family faced financial difficulties.

Neighbors describe seeing men head up to the couple's second-floor apartment, and then sometimes seeing the husband and wife venture out a short time later to go shopping.

"It was just weird," neighbor Kevin Lonergan said. "Neither one of them worked, but they had money."

Nicole Nosek, 38, is charged with eight counts of prostitution and with keeping a place of prostitution, while her husband, Scott Nosek, 44, is charged with allowing a place of prostitution.

Prosecutors also have identified several suspected customers of the business, and are considering filing criminal charges against them, too.

The case has stunned

many in the community who say that Elkhorn is not accustomed to the sort of criminal activity that prosecutors allege took place inside the modest second-floor apartment on Gorman Street.

Walworth County District Attorney Zeke Wiedenfeld said it has been an unusual case to investigate and prosecute.

"What's shocking," Wiedenfeld said, "is that this was going on for such a long time."

Contacted at their apartment, Scott Nosek said both he and his wife would decline to comment. Both are due back in court Nov. 9 to face charges that could land them in prison.

According to criminal complaints issued Oct. 30, Nicole Nosek admitted to Elkhorn police that she started having sex with men for money about 10 years ago. The complaints state that she told investigators she would receive \$50 for each encounter and that she had regular customers she would see one or more times a week.

The complaints indicate that Scott Nosek told police he was aware of his wife's sexual encounters with other men, and that the couple needed the money because

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