

Sex

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he had lost his job.

According to the charges, Scott Nosek told investigators the alleged prostitution payments were "the only income that their family has other than government assistance."

With a teenage daughter at home, both the husband and wife have been charged with causing mental harm to a child, a felony. The charges of keeping and allowing a place of prostitution are also felonies, while the prostitution counts against Nicole Nosek are all misdemeanors.

If convicted on all charges, Nicole Nosek could face 24 years in prison, and Scott Nosek could face 18 years.

Elkhorn Police Chief Joel Christensen said with the criminal charges just coming out Oct. 30, he has not yet heard much reaction from people around town. But he said the case likely will reverberate among residents as word gets around.

"I think it'll be a little shocking," he said.

While the case might be unusual for Elkhorn, Christensen said, the advanced state of technology nowadays makes it possible for alleged prostitutes to adver-



The apartment building at 821 W. Gorman St. in Elkhorn is where police say Scott and Nicole Nosek operated a prostitution business. (Photo by Scott Williams/Regional News)

tise their businesses on the internet from remote locations.

"I think it can occur in any community — not just in Elkhorn," the chief said.

The criminal complaints indicate that some suspected customers found Nicole Nosek through websites on the internet.

The complaints identify eight different alleged customers, some of whom denied having sex with Nicole Nosek while others admitted paying her for sex or buying her food, paying her bills, or in one case buying her a bicycle.

Police earlier this year raided the couple's apartment at 821 W. Gorman St. and confiscated computers, cellphones and other potential evidence.

Lonergan said he was unsure what was happening at the time of the raid. When he learned that the couple was accused of operating a prostitution business in their apartment, Lonergan said, he was shocked.

"It's disgusting," he said. "It's pretty unbelievable that stuff like that goes on."

Another neighbor, Aldo Grano, said he had suspicions for a long time about the men going upstairs to the Nosek apartment. Grano said he was disturbed to have such alleged activity taking place in a neighborhood with children and families around.

"I don't care what they do somewhere else," he said of the husband and wife suspects. "But don't bring it home."