

# CHARGE IS SERIOUS ONE

## JOHN DUPREE IS ARRESTED IN COMPANY WITH SMALL GIRL.

### Former Lumberman Held Under \$2,500 Bail Asserts He Is Guiltless of Wrongdoing.

Charged with a statutory offense, the warrant for which was sworn to by Kusta Naujalis, fourteen years old, John Dupree, former president of the Dupree Sash and Door company and prominent as a lumberman, today was held for examination in Police court under a \$2,500 bond. Dupree is fifty-eight years of age and when arraigned before Judge Hess waived the reading of the complaint and demanded an examination which was set for July 7.

Special Detective Frank Kennedy and Humane Agent Randolph made the arrest of Dupree after finding him in a room with the girl at the rooming house kept by Mrs. Thomas Jones at 47 Bostwick street. Kennedy, who is a constable and also has a deputy sheriff's commission, shadowed Dupree yesterday afternoon and saw him enter the house shortly after 2 o'clock. Kennedy first saw Dupree talking to the girl on Pearl street. Later he enlisted the services of Earl Gaffney, a messenger boy, and trailed the pair to the house.

After some delay Kennedy was joined by the humane agent and the two entered the house and knocked at the door of the room which the man and the girl had entered. When admittance was refused to the officers, threats were made to break in the door. Then the girl unlocked it. She was found in a partially dressed condition. Dupree was handcuffed and taken to the county jail. The girl told her story to Assistant Prosecutor Munshaw.

Kusta Naujalis lives with her parents at 205 Quarry street. She had been missing from home since last Saturday and was supposed by her mother to be working on John Huebner's farm on West Leonard street. She told of going to Muskegon with Dupree a week ago and of his giving her \$1.50 with which she purchased a suitcase. She said he also gave her \$2 with which she pur-

chased a new gingham dress. She declares Dupree told the rooming house proprietress on Bostwick street she was his niece.

Attorney Cornelius Hoffman is defending Dupree, who asserts his innocence of any wrongdoing. Dupree expects to furnish bail.