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Sex Crimes Prompt Guilty Verdict
(KAIR)--Guilty.

That's the verdict handed down from an Atchison County District Court jury to an elderly Atchison man accused of child sex crimes.

68-year-old Larry Mercer heard the guilty verdict this week for aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

However, he was acquitted of other charges of rape and criminal sodomy.

Sentencing for Mercer will be Dec. 30.

Charges for Mercer stem from an early February arrest. Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson told MSC News his office began an investigation Jan. 30 after being contacted by a family member of a victim. The investigation focused on unlawful sexual acts committed against a female victim under the age of 14.

Wilson said Mercer and the victim were acquainted.

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