

Another Twist in Local Sex Crimes Case

(KNZA)--A Holton man accused of sex crimes against five women and a teenage girl will face four jury trials, instead of six.

That comes after a judge Wednesday moved to combine four of the cases against 22-year-old Jacob Ewing.

***The Topeka Capital Journal* reports special prosecutor Jacquie Spradling had requested that all six pending trials be consolidated into one, citing similarities and double jeopardy issues.**

Ewing's attorney, Kathleen Ambrosio, objected to consolidation of the cases.

The judge also Wednesday denied a motion by Ambrosio that the alleged teenage victim in the one case undergo a mental evaluation.

The trial involving the teen is to be held first, currently set to begin April 17th. The trial for two of the combine cases is set for June and the other two combined cases for August. The last trial is set for November.

Ewing faces a total of 19 counts in the cases dating back to January 2014.

He remains in the Jackson County Jail.

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