

Child rape conviction earns life sentence

**(KAIR)--A Leavenworth woman, convicted of raping a 16-month-old child, will spend the rest of her life behind bars.**

**41-year-old Mahogany Payne learned her Friday in Leavenworth Country District Court.**

**According to a news release issued by County Attorney Todd Thompson, it will be 25-years before Payne is eligible for parole.**

**During the sentencing, a supporter of Payne was removed following a courtroom outburst. That came the same day that another of Payne's supporters plead no contest to disorderly conduct for causing a courtroom outburst on November 8.**

**The Leavenworth County Attorney's Office filed charges following two incidents involving two separate victims at Payne's Leavenworth home.**

**On January 12, 2016, Payne was babysitting a 16-month-old girl when the rape occurred.**

**In October, a jury found Payne guilty of the crime, but acquitted her of the allegation involving a 5-year-old.**

**Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, in the news release, said that while he's seen many cases, he "can't think of many worse than this."**

**Payne has a prior conviction for felony child abuse that occurred in 1999 in Sedgwick County.**

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