

Sabetha man gets 2 life terms for child sex crimes

**(KNZA)--A Sabetha man convicted on a pair of child sex charges involving a three-year-old has been sentenced to two consecutive life terms.**

**27-year-old Roy Tidwell III was sentenced Monday in Brown County District Court on charges of rape and aggravated internet trading in child pornography.**

**Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says the sentence was handed down after the state presented a review of graphic text messages extracted from the defendant's phone.**

**Tidwell pleaded no contest to the felony charges last month. In exchange for the plea, a charge of sexual exploitation of a child was dismissed.**

**He was arrested in May following an investigation by federal, state and local authorities into alleged child sex offenses committed in Hiawatha between July and December 2017.**

**Tidwell also faces two child sex-related charges in Nemaha County.**

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