

Willis man sentenced to prison on sexual battery charge

**(KNZA)--A Willis man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison on charge of aggravated sexual battery.**

**Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill said 20-year-old Anthony Lay will also be required to register as a sex offender for a period of 25 years upon his release from prison.**

**Lay was sentenced Monday in Brown County District Court on charges in three separate cases dating back to 2018.**

**The sentences in the three cases, which also included charges of felony criminal possession of a firearm and fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer, were ordered to be served at the same time.**

**Lay was given credit for 335 days served in jail.**

**He pleaded no contest to the sexual battery charge in January, canceling a jury trial that had been set in the case.**

**Lay had originally been charged with rape.**

**He was arrested in January 2019 on the rape charge following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.**

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