

Jacob Ewing's Second Trial Begins

**(KNZA/AP)--The second in a series of trials for a Holton man accused of sexually assaulting five women began Monday morning with jury selection.**

**The trial involves two cases against 22-year-old Jacob Ewing — one involving the alleged rape and aggravated criminal sodomy of a woman in September 2014, the other involving the alleged rape and two incidents of aggravated criminal sodomy of another woman in May 2016.**

**A jury acquitted Ewing in May on charges of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl on the hood of his car in a local cemetery when he was 19.**

**Additional trials are scheduled in August and October. In May, Ewing was also charged with 13 counts of sexual exploitation of a child involving alleged child pornography.**

**The accusations against Ewing have divided the Holton community of some 3,300 people.**

**His supporters have put signs in their front yards and packed court proceedings wearing T-shirts emblazoned with messages of support for him.**

**On the other side, advocates for the women he is accused of assaulting have formed a support group on Facebook called "I support the Victims of Jacob Ewing" that also has organized volunteers to sit in the courtroom during proceedings.**

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