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Area Truck Driver Sentenced in Child Prostitution Case

(KNZA)--A St. Joseph, Missouri commercial truck driver, who was a registered sex offender, has been sentenced to nearly 21 years in prison for transporting a minor across state lines for prostitution.

KQ2-TV reports 56-year-old Tony Eugene Wardlow was sentenced Wednesday in U.S. District Court to 20 years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

Wardlow was convicted at trial in December 2014. He also pleaded guilty in February of last year to interstate transportation for prostitution.

Federal prosecutors said Wardlow paid the minor victim for sex on multiple occasions while she was working as a prostitute on Independence Avenue in Kansas City. The girl was under 18 years old at the time.

Authorities said Wardlow also engaged in prostitution with the minor multiple times during trips to Texas in 2011.

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