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Lengthy Deliberations End With Sex Crimes Verdict

(KAIR)--Following deliberations lasting nearly 9 ½ hours, a Doniphan County jury finds an Atchison man guilty on 8 out of the 16 sex-related counts he had been charged with.

The jury trial for Heath Umphenhour began last week, and came to a conclusion with the jury's decision Friday.

Closing arguments were heard Thursday morning, followed by the start of the deliberations, which carried over into Friday.

Sentencing is set for the morning of July 7th.

Umphenhour, arrested in July of 2013, was charged with multiple counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, sexual exploitation of a child, aggravated criminal sodomy and attempted breach of privacy of a child or children.

He was accused of sex offenses involving three girls under the age of 14. The crimes were alleged to have occurred between March 11th , 2011 and November 6th , 2013.

Umphenhour's arrest followed an investigation by the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department and the KBI.

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