

Mistrial declared in Jackson Co child sex case

**(KNZA)--A mistrial has been declared in a Jackson County child sex case.**

**A judge declared the mistrial Friday afternoon in the case against 52-year-old former Hoyt resident Leon Holloway after a jury was unable to reach an unanimous verdict on charges of rape, indecent liberties with a child and two counts of criminal sodomy following about six hours of deliberations in the week long trial.**

**Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller told MSC News that the state will try the case again.**

**Holloway was arrested in May 2015 by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department following an investigation into alleged sex offenses occurring between April 2013 and March 2015 in the city of Hoyt involving a girl under the age of 14.**

**Holloway also faces a charge of exploitation of a child in a separate case based on an investigation by the Sheriff's Department focused on the alleged possession of child pornography.**

**He was arrested on the new charge in October and is currently free on a \$25,000 bond in that case.**

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