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Holton man enters plea for sex crimes

(KNZA)--A Holton man accused of child-related sex crimes involving a girl under the age of 14 has entered a plea in the case.

According to Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller, Chaz Zibell pleaded no contest Friday in Jackson County District Court to two counts of felony lewd and lascivious behavior.

Sentencing is scheduled for the morning of June 15.

Part of his sentencing will require that the 19-year-old Zibell register as a sexual offender for 15-years.

He was originally charged with six counts of sexual exploitation of a child and one count of aggravated indecent soliciation of a child.

Zibell was arrested last September following an investigation by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

According to the criminal complaint, he is accused of possessing child pornography and soliciating a 13-year-old girl for pornographic pictures. The alleged offenses occurred between July and November of 2015.

Zibell remains free on a \$10,000 bond.

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