

Child sex crimes hold Sabetha man

(KMZA)--A Sabetha man is accused of child-sex related crimes following an investigation that included the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Nemaha County Sheriff's Department, the Wichita Police Department, and the Hiawatha Police Department.

According to a news release issued by Nemaha County Attorney Brad Lippert, 27-year-old Eric Carlson was arrested May 3, and is charged with aggravated indecent liberties with a child and two counts of sexual exploitation of a child.

The complaint alleges that Carlson in 2017 “engaged in lewd fondling or touching of a child under 14 years of age, and also used, persuaded, induced, enticed or coerced this same child to engage in sexually explicit conduct with the intent to promote the performance. The complaint also alleges that Carlson promoted a performance that included sexually explicit conduct by a second child under 14 years of age, knowing the character and content of the performance.”

If convicted, Carlson could be sentenced under Jessica's Law for all three offenses, which would result in a life sentence without the possibility of parole for 25 years.

Carlson remains in custody at the Nemaha County Jail, held on a bond of \$1 million.

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