

Sabetha man facing additional child sex charges

**(KNZA)--A Sabetha man already facing child sex charges in Brown County is now facing similar charges in Nemaha County.**

**According to a press release Thursday from Nemaha County Attorney Brad Lippert, 27-year-old Roy Tidwell III has been charged in Nemaha County District Court with aggravated indecent liberties with a child and sexual exploitation of a child.**

**Lippert says the complaint alleges that in 2017, Tidwell engaged in lewd fondling or touching of a child under 14 years of age, and also coerced the same child to engage in sexually explicit conduct with the intent to promote the performance.**

**If convicted, Lippert says Tidwell could be sentenced under Jessica's Law for both offenses, which would result in a life sentence without the possibility of parole for 25 years.**

**The case was investigated by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, FBI, Nemaha County Sheriff's Department, Wichita Police Department and Hiawatha Police Department.**

**Tidwell was charged last week in Brown County with rape, aggravated internet trading in child pornography and sexual exploitation of a child .**

**Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says the victim was three-years-old when the alleged crimes were committed in Hiawatha between July and December 2017.**

**A preliminary hearing in the case is set for May 16th.**

**Tidwell remains in the Brown County Jail, held on a \$3 million bond.**

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