

Rapist's conviction overturned by court

**(KAIR)--The convictions of a Holton man accused of rape have been overturned by the Kansas Court of appeals.**

**The Topeka Capital-Journal reported the Appellate Court Friday ordered a new trial for 24-year-old Jacob Ewing.**

**The Court said the prosecutor misstated evidence in closing arguments and inflamed the passions of the jury.**

**Ewing was found guilty in June 2017 on two counts of rape, four counts of aggravated criminal sodomy, and two counts of battery.**

**The newspaper reports Ewing filed an appeal a year later which argued that special prosecutor Jacqie Spralding made comments unsupported by evidence during closing arguments. Ewing also argues that six errors, leading up to the controversial trial, were made by the court.**

**In its decision, the court of appeals said the case had “the cumulative effect of the errors committed by the district court and the prosecutor denied Ewing his constitutional right to a fair trial.”**