

### Falls City man Sentenced on Child Sexual Assault Charges

(KTNC) - A Falls City man will spend several decades in prison after he was given the maximum sentence possible on charges of sexual assault of a child.

District Judge Daniel Bryan on Tuesday sentenced 46-year-old Michael Patnode to 50 years in prison on each of two 1-C felony counts of sexual assault of a child in the 3rd degree. Patnode had pleaded no contest to the charges in December.

Patnode was originally charged with one count of having sexual contact with a child less than 14 years of age and two counts of subjecting a child between the ages of 12 and 16 to sexual penetration.

A mistrial was declared in November after a motion filed by Patnode's attorney and a trial had been scheduled for January 8th before Patnode entered the no contest plea.

The sentences will run concurrently, and Patnode was given credit for 490 days served in prison. He will have to register as a sexual offender for the remainder of his life, and he is also subject to lifetime community supervision.

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