

Atchison man sentenced in violent attack

**(KAIR)--An Atchison man convicted of violently attacking a woman in May of last year inside the residence they once shared has been sentenced to more than 45 years in prison.**

**Atchison County Attorney Sherri Baker, in a news release, said 44-year-old Richard Butler was sentenced Thursday in Atchison County District Court on 15 counts.**

**An Atchison County jury found him guilty of the charges in March following a 4-day trial.**

**Some of the most serious offenses included three counts of rape, two counts of aggravated criminal sodomy and aggravated kidnapping.**

**Butler was originally scheduled to be sentenced in April, but it was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic.**

**The case was investigated by the Atchison Police Department, Stormont-Vail sexual assault division and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.**

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