

Horton man enters plea in Brown Co child sex case

(KNZA)--A Horton man has pleaded guilty to a charge in a Brown County child sex case.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill said 47-year-old Richard VanLaningham entered the plea Monday in Brown County District to one count of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, an off-grid person felony.

Sentencing was set for April 3.

Under Jessica's Law, Hill said VanLaningham faces a sentence of life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum term of not less than 25 years.

He said the case arose out of an investigation by the Brown County Sheriff- Office and a forensic interview by an investigator with the Kansas Department for Children and Families. Hill said the case involved criminal conduct against an 11-year-old child.

VanLaningham was arrested last July.

He remains in the Brown County Jail.

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