

KCK man sentenced to more than 11 years in prison for child sex crimes

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A man from Kansas City, Kansas, has been sentenced to more than 11 years in prison for child sex crimes.

Gilberto Mendoza Jr., 64, was sentenced to 138 months in the Kansas Department of Corrections for two counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child. On Friday, Feb. 21, 2024, Mendoza pleaded guilty to the charges.

According to court documents, on Apr. 26, 2024, Mendoza did unlawfully and feloniously engage in lewd fondling or touching of a child who was under 14 years of age. These unlawful acts occurred inside a home in rural Leavenworth County while Mendoza was babysitting the victim.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, “Our prayers continue to be with the survivor, who displayed remarkable courage by stepping forward and telling someone what happened.” Thompson continued, “If you have been victimized, please remember - this is not your fault, and you are not alone. Support is available. Reach out to a trusted adult or a local child protection agency, or call a helpline like the National Sexual Assault Hotline at **1-800-656-HOPE (4673)**.”