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Leavenworth man found guilty of sex crimes involving child

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 35-year-old man from Leavenworth has been convicted of child sex crimes following a two-day jury trial in Leavenworth County.

Garfield C. Ross III was found guilty of attempted rape, aggravated indecent liberties with a child, and aggravated criminal sodomy for victimizing a child under the age of 14.

According to court documents, on July 22, 2025, a woman returning home from work discovered Ross and the victim inside a bedroom. Ross was naked, and the victim's pants had been removed. The woman demanded that Ross leave her home and then went to the Leavenworth Justice Center to report the incident. Ross was arrested later that day and subsequently charged.

During the investigation, according to court documents, DNA evidence was discovered on the victim's underwear – that DNA was consistent with that of Ross, or someone biologically related to Ross.

"Today's verdict wouldn't have been possible without the bravery shown by this survivor, a child. I want to thank not only the victim and her family, but also the thorough work of the Leavenworth Child Advocacy Center and the Leavenworth police in bringing this case to trial. We are committed to holding offenders accountable and ensuring justice for victims," said Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for March 18, 2026.