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Leavenworth man sentenced to life in prison for child sex crimes

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 35-year-old Leavenworth man has been sentenced to multiple life sentences following his conviction for child sex crimes in Leavenworth County.

On March 18, 2026, during a sentencing hearing, Garfield C. Ross III was ordered to serve the following sentences:

- Count 1: Attempted rape — life sentence with parole eligibility after 25 years
- Count 2: Aggravated indecent liberties with a child — life sentence with parole eligibility after 25 years
- Count 3: Aggravated criminal sodomy — life sentence with parole eligibility after 25 years

The court ordered Counts 1 and 2 to run consecutively, while Count 3 will run concurrently with the other counts. As a result, Ross must serve at least 50 years in prison before becoming eligible for parole.

Ross was previously found guilty following a two-day jury trial of attempted rape, aggravated indecent liberties with a child, and aggravated criminal sodomy involving a victim 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, then went to the Leavenworth Justice Center and reported the incident to the police. Ross was arrested later that day.

During the investigation, DNA evidence recovered from the victim's clothing was consistent with Ross or a biological relative.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "This sentence ensures the defendant will spend decades in prison before being eligible for release. Cases like these are incredibly difficult for survivors, especially young ones, and coming forward to report abuse and testify in court takes immense courage – and we recognize the strength it takes to relive that trauma. Our office remains committed to supporting victims, holding offenders accountable, and protecting children in our community. We are grateful to this survivor and her family, the Leavenworth Police Department, and the Child Advocacy Center for their care and dedication in bringing this case to justice."