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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A Texas man has been sentenced to prison in Kansas after the sexual assault of a teenage girl. On Thursday, District Judge Joe Kisner sentenced Jay McLaughlin, 39 of Austin, to 32 months in prison after McLaughlin pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child.

On February 8, 2016, a 15 year old girl ran from a group home in Lawrence. She was picked up by a man and a woman who drove her to Wichita.

McLaughlin was in Wichita on business and found out about the teenager by viewing an online escort service.

Two days after the girl left the group home, McLaughlin had sexual relations with her at a hotel in downtown Wichita.

Members of the Exploited and Missing Child Unit investigated the case and arrested McLaughlin at his home in Texas. He pled guilty last November 15.

Under Kansas sentencing laws, Judge Kisner had the option of sentencing the defendant to probation or prison.

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