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Wichita, Kansas - A man has been sentenced to nearly 55 years in prison for a shooting where children were present. On March 31st, District Court Judge Jeffrey Syrios sentenced Joe Hill, 27 of Wichita, to 653 months after convictions of attempted 1st degree murder, two counts of aggravated battery, four counts of aggravated assault, battery, criminal discharge of a firearm and criminal possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

On September 7, 2014 Hill assaulted his ex-girlfriend after an argument over food that was cooking on a grill. Later that evening, Hill and three other men drove by the woman's home in the 1500 block of S. Bleckley. Hill said, "We got something for you, we'll be back."

An hour later, the ex-girlfriend and 3 adults were standing next to a car when Hill fired six to eight shots at the people and the vehicle. Two children, both around one year old, were in the car with more young children standing on the porch of the home.

The ex-girlfriend was struck in the leg by one of the bullets and required surgery. No one else was wounded.

In 2006, Hill was convicted of four counts of aggravated robbery and four counts of kidnapping. He was released from prison in August of 2012.

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