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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A Wichita man who was convicted of rapes in Wichita and Kansas City, Kansas has died in prison. Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett was notified of the death of Wesley Watson, 59, by the Kansas Dept. of Corrections.

Watson was sent to prison after being convicted of raping a 14 year old Wichita girl in 1980. The Kansas Parole Board had turned down Watson's request to be released on parole seven times. But he was successful in 2007.

Watson was placed under parole supervision with a GPS monitor in Wyandotte County. According to newspaper reports, he was wearing that monitor on December 20, 2010 when he impersonated a police officer and kidnapped a Kansas City, Kansas woman from a Walmart parking lot. Watson sexually assaulted her, less than a year after his release on parole.

The cause of death of Watson on January 6 in the maximum security facility in El Dorado is not known.

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