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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A man has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Tommy Jones, 30 from Wichita, was convicted by a jury on four counts of sexual exploitation of a child related to incidents that occurred in 2014. Judge Joe Kisner sentenced Jones this morning.

The evidence showed that Jones obtained nude photographs from a sixteen year old girl that he had met playing World of Warcraft online. Members of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, as part of the Exploited and Missing Child Unit, were able to locate the images on Jones' phone. The teenage victim, who lives on the east coast, was stopped by law enforcement just before she boarded a bus to Wichita to meet Jones.

Jones had previously been convicted of rape and aggravated indecent liberties with a child in Sumner County in 2009. Under Kansas law, because of the prior convictions from Sumner County, these new convictions triggered the "aggravated habitual offender" statute which leads to a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

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