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## Former Wichita police officer sentenced to life for child sex crimes

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Former Wichita police officer Joseph McGill was sentenced Thursday to life in prison for sexually abusing two young children.

District Judge Jeff Syrios imposed the sentence on Joseph McGill, 28, after finding him guilty at a bench trial in January of two counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

At his preliminary hearing, McGill's wife testified that her husband confided to her after a therapy session that he had committed sexual acts on a 3-month-old child and a 1-year-old child. The bench trial was based on a stipulation of facts that came out of the preliminary hearing.

McGill will be eligible for parole after serving 25 years.

McGill pleaded guilty in January 2012 in an unrelated case to sexual battery while on duty as a police officer and was sentenced to three years probation. Those charges stemmed from separate incidents in November 2010 and February 2011. McGill, who had been with the Wichita Police Department for about three years, resigned after those charges were filed.

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