2021 Kansas Statutes

21-5514. Internet trading in child pornography; aggravated internet trading in child pornography. (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5610 and 21-5611, and amendments thereto, internet trading in child pornography is sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5510(a)(2), and amendments thereto, when the offender is 18 years of age or older, and the offender knowingly causes or permits the visual depiction to be viewed, by use of any electronic device connected to the internet, by any person other than the offender or a person depicted in the visual depiction.

(b) Except as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5610 and 21-5611, and amendments thereto, aggravated internet trading in child pornography is sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5510(a)(1) or (4), and amendments thereto, when the offender is 18 years of age or older and the offender knowingly causes or permits the performance to be viewed, by use of any electronic device connected to the internet, by any person other than the offender or a person depicted in the performance.

(c) (1) Internet trading in child pornography is a severity level 5, person felony.

(2) Aggravated internet trading in child pornography is a severity level 3, person felony, except as provided in subsection (c)(3).

(3) Aggravated internet trading in child pornography or attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation to commit aggravated internet trading in child pornography is an off-grid person felony when the child is under 14 years of age.

(d) If the child is under 14 years of age, the provisions of:

(1) K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5301(c), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a violation of attempting to commit the crime of aggravated internet trading in child pornography pursuant to this section;

(2) K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5302(d), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a violation of conspiracy to commit the crime of aggravated internet trading in child pornography pursuant to this section; and

(3) K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5303(d), and amendments thereto, shall not apply to a violation of criminal solicitation to commit the crime of aggravated internet trading in child pornography pursuant to this section.

(e) In addition to the venue provided for under any other provision of law, a prosecution for internet trading in child pornography or aggravated internet trading in child pornography may be brought in the county where the visual depiction or performance may be viewed by any person other than the offender using any electronic device connected to the internet and is viewed by a law enforcement officer using an electronic device connected to the internet while engaged in such officer's official duties.

(f) As used in this section, "the internet" has the meaning as provided in K.S.A. 66-2011, and amendments thereto.

(g) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas criminal code. **History:** L. 2017, ch. 78, § 3; July 1.