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A Jehovah's Witness is facing years in prison after he was convicted of grooming a girl for sex.

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Richard Ogilvie sent the girl a series of suggestive text messages and described her as 'incredibly gorgeous', Teesside Crown Court heard.



He wanted to have sexual relations with her.

Sam Andrews, prosecutor at Teesside Crown Court

Ogilvie, 32, hugged and kissed the girl after buying her an ice cream at McDonald's.

A jury at Teesside Crown Court heard he drove the girl to an industrial estate in Hartlepool rather than sit in the restaurant, or in his car in the car park.

Ogilvie said he needed to visit businesses on the estate to follow up on Jehovah's Witness magazine drops, even though it was a Sunday.

The court was told Ogilvie rested his hands on her lap during a car journey which he claimed was because she liked to operate the gear stick.

"We say the defendant's intention was clear," said Sam Andrews, prosecuting. "He wanted to have sexual relations with her."

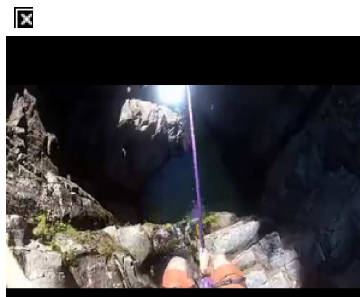
"He told her he loved her 'more than her parents'.

"In one text he wrote: 'I won't sleep now sweetheart, going to try and dream about you and me together. Big squishy hugs and kisses gorgeous girl'."

The jury heard Ogilvie sent other texts saying he loved her to bits, but they would have to be careful her parents didn't find out about their relationship.

Another text read: "We want to do more hugging, we can snog next time."

Ogilvie, of Scott Grove, Hartlepool, denied sexual grooming, and denied inciting a child to take part in sexual activity.



He said the girl was a liar who had made up most of her story.

The jury found him guilty of sexual grooming after a trial lasting four days.

He was found not guilty of the second charge.

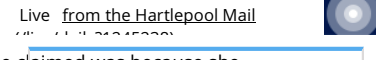
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