

500.050 Time limitations.

- (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided, the prosecution of a felony is not subject to a period of limitation and may be commenced at any time.
- (2) Except as otherwise expressly provided, the prosecution of an offense other than a felony must be commenced within one (1) year after it is committed.
- (3)
 - (a) For a misdemeanor sex offense when the victim is a minor at the time of the offense, the prosecution of the offense shall be commenced within ten (10) years after the victim attains the age of eighteen (18) years.
 - (b) As used in paragraph (a) of this subsection, "misdemeanor sex offense" means a misdemeanor offense in:
 1. KRS Chapter 510;
 2. KRS Chapter 531 involving a minor or depiction of a minor; or
 3. KRS 506.010 or 506.030 for attempt to commit or solicitation to commit:
 - a. Any of the offenses described in subparagraphs 1. and 2. of this paragraph;
 - b. Promoting prostitution under KRS 529.040 when the defendant advances or profits from the prostitution of a minor;
 - c. Human trafficking involving commercial sexual activity under KRS 529.100;
 - d. Promoting human trafficking involving commercial sexual activity under KRS 529.110; or
 - e. Unlawful transaction with a minor in the first degree under KRS 530.064(1)(a).
- (4) For purposes of this section, an offense is committed either when every element occurs, or if a legislative purpose to prohibit a continuing course of conduct plainly appears, at the time when the course of conduct or the defendant's complicity therein is terminated.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (3/23/2021). 2021 Ky. Acts ch. 89, sec. 3 provides that the Act, which amended this statute and KRS 413.249, "shall apply to causes of action accruing on or after [March 23, 2021], and to causes of action accruing before [March 23, 2021], if the applicable statute of limitations, as it existed prior to [March 23, 2021], has not yet run before [March 23, 2021]."