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(S.D.)-Plea Agreement In Works For Ex-Teacher Rape Case

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - A plea agreement is in the works for a former New Underwood teacher accused of having a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old student.

Kyle Keegan's attorney, Tim Rensch, scheduled a change of plea hearing Tuesday with Circuit Judge Janine Kern. Keegan returns to court on Jan. 7 when he is expected to enter a plea.

Pennington County Deputy State's Attorney Ryan Ryder confirmed that he and Rensch are in the process of "hammering out" a plea agreement.

Keegan was arrested in October and charged with fourth-degree rape of a victim between the ages of 13 and 16 and sexual contact with a child under 16. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of up to 15 years in prison.

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