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(Neb.) - Minatare man pleads no contest in child porn case

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GERING, Neb. (AP) - A 24-year-old Minatare man who had pleaded not guilty to 10 felony counts of child pornography possession has changed his plea.

Richard Knott pleaded no contest on Friday. No reason for the plea change was given, and Scotts Bluff County Attorney Doug Warner said a deal had not been offered.

Warner says more than 10 images of child pornography were found on Knott's computer when investigators searched Knott's home on Feb. 24.

Nebraska State Patrol officers began to investigate Knott after being contacted by a Dent County, Mo., investigator with a computer crimes task force. The investigator said he had identified an Internet address in Nebraska that had been sharing pornographic images.

Knott is scheduled to be sentenced on June 18.

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