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**(Neb.) - Gering man gets probation for child porn**

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GERING, Neb. (AP) - A 25-year-old Gering man who admitted exchanging nude photos with a teenage girl has been given probation.

Online court records say Michael Hof pleaded no contest to possession of child pornography after prosecutors dropped two other felony charges.

Hof was sentenced on Friday to five years of intensive supervised probation

Hof was arrested and charged in September after a 14-year-old girl's mother told Gering Police that her daughter had sent nude photos to Hof.

In court on Friday, Hof's attorney, Tyler Petit, said Hof admitted exchanging nude cellphone photos with the girl. Petit said his client "just a young man who made a dumb mistake."

But Judge Leo Dobrovolny chastised Hof, telling him that he was "supposed to be the adult in this situation."

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