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(Neb.)-Sex Offender Sentenced For Child Enticement

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GERING, Neb. (AP) - A registered sex offender in Nebraska has been given 20 to 25 years in prison for sending text messages to someone he thought was a 13-year-old girl.

Twenty-four-year-old Matthew Crable of Bayard had pleaded no contest to a charge of enticement by electronic communication device. He was sentenced on Thursday.

Crable was arrested in September after a state investigator posed as a 13-year-old girl and began communicating with him. He eventually asked the girl to meet him for sex. Investigators showed up instead, and he was arrested.

Authorities began investigating Crable after a telephone traced to him was used to send text messages to an 11-year-old girl.

Crable originally was convicted in March 2011 of attempted first-degree sexual assault of a child.