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(Neb)-Plea Deal For Man Using Sexting Pics To Blackmail 12-Year Old Into Porn

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GERING, Neb. (AP) - A Scottsbluff man accused of having sex with a 12-year-old girl and then blackmailing her into performing for pornographic videos has taken a plea deal.

20-year-old Ashanti Kelley pleaded guilty last month in Scotts Bluff County District Court to 4 counts of child pornography and single counts of 1st-degree sexual assault and attempted enticement with an electronic device in return for prosecutors dropping 9 other charges.

Kelley faces up to 8 years combined on the child porn counts and up to 50 years on both the sexual assault and enticement charges when he's sentenced next month.

Authorities say the girl told investigators that she'd met Kelley online and then at area business. They eventually exchanged nude photos, and she says he later forced her to perform sexual acts.

Still later Kelley told her he'd distribute the nude photos of her if she didn't perform more sexual acts, which he then recorded.