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Attorney General Bruning: Kansas Man Guilty of Sexually Assaulting Nebraska Girl, 13

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LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning announced that Shon Collins, of Leavenworth, Kan., pled guilty in District Court in Box Butte County Wednesday on sexual assault charges and possession of child pornography.

Collins, 41, contacted his 13-year-old victim online, eventually arranging to visit Nebraska for the purposes of meeting for sex. The victim was questioned by her parents after the meeting, prompting a call to law enforcement. A search of Collins' computer and cell phone found child pornography.

“Mr. Collins made the trip from Kansas with the express purpose of assaulting this girl,” Bruning said. “He deserves every minute he spends behind prison bars.”

Collins faces a mandatory minimum 15 year sentence for 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child, a Class 1B felony. Possession of Child Pornography is a Class 3 felony and carries a minimum of one year in prison.

First Degree Sexual Assault of a Child was created in 2006 through LB 1199. A mandatory 15-year sentence was established 2009's LB97. Both bills were part of the Attorney General's legislative package.

Assistant Attorney General John Freudenberg and Box Butte County Attorney K.J. Hutchinson handled the case.

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