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Pawnee County Man Sentenced for Child Enticement and Violation of Sex Offender Registry Act

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LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced that Clyde W. Loveless III, 24, of Table Rock, was sentenced to 20 to 72 months for one count of child enticement and one count of violation of the Sex Offender Registry Act in Pawnee County.

“Mr. Loveless engaged in disgusting criminal acts and violated his lawful obligation to report his whereabouts,” said Bruning. “This sentence is appropriate punishment for the seriousness of those crimes.”

The sentence stems from an investigation by the Nebraska State Patrol into allegations from the victim’s step-mother. The investigation showed Loveless engaged in sexually explicit exchanges with a 14-year-old girl via cell-phone. Loveless repeatedly used his cell phone to send pictures of his genitals to the victim and request sexual intercourse.

As a registered sex offender, he was also charged with a violation of the Sex Offender Registry Act when it was determined he failed to notify law enforcement with a change of address.

In July, Loveless pleaded no contest to both charges.

In 2004, the Nebraska Legislature approved LB 943, which criminalized online enticement of children under 17. Last year, LB 97 expanded the crime of on-line enticement to include communications through electronic devices other than computers, like cell phones. LB 97 also added enticement by electronic communication device to the list of registerable offenses. All of these child protection bills were part of the Attorney General’s legislative package.

Assistant Attorney General Jeff Gaertig handled the case.

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