

# GREATER SAINT JOHN

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## Teen pleads guilty to distributing child porn

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**SAINT JOHN** • What started as an alleged act of revenge against a bully has turned into two serious charges for a 16-year-old boy from Norton.

The teen pleaded guilty Friday to distribution of child pornography and luring in relation to his revenge scheme.

A publication ban was issued to protect the identity of the victim.

Between Feb. 8, 2013, and Feb. 9, 2013,

the boy, posing as a teenage girl from Saint John High School, used a fake name on a Facebook account to contact the victim.

In the course of their messaging, the boy, posing as a girl, sent several topless photographs of a female. It is unclear whether those photographs were of a child.

In return for these photographs, the boy posing as a girl asked the victim to send nude photographs of himself. The victim sent several images.

On Feb. 9, 2013, the victim learned from others that the person he was messaging was a fake account. The victim contacted the supposed girl via Facebook to address the issue.

The girl revealed himself to be a boy, and told the victim to check his Facebook wall. Posted to the victim's timeline, and visible to his 600-some friends, were all the nude photos of himself that he had sent the previous night.

A complaint was made to the Sussex RCMP about the issue, and a

subsequent investigation led police to the IP address of the guilty party.

The boy admitted he had created the fake account, alleging revenge for bullying.

The boy has no prior record, and his father appeared in court with him.

Judge Andrew LeMesurier requested a pre-sentence report as well as a victim-impact statement.

The matter was scheduled for sentencing on Aug. 14 in Sussex. David Lutz is acting as defence lawyer for the youth.

