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At Last, This Revenge Porn Kingpin Has Been Stopped



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Remember Craig Brittain? Hopefully not. The wannabe unibrow won attention a few years ago for running a truly evil revenge porn racket called Is Anybody Down. Now his revenge porn days are finally over.

The Federal Trade Commission just banned Brittain from sharing nude photos of people without their consent. As part of the settlement, Brittain will also have to destroy the 1,000-plus nude photos and personal details of strangers that he's collected through his sick-ass revenge porn business. The FTC did not impose a fine.

And while the demise of one revenge porn kingpin is great news, you have to wonder: Why isn't this sort of thing straight up illegal?

address America's revenge porn problem. California is leading the way and fairly recently sent someone to jail for revenge porn-related offenses. Meanwhile, the FBI has investigated revenge porn rings in the past—namely Is Anybody Up, the site that Brittain was mimicking. The FTC's latest move sets an important precedent that these types of businesses will not be tolerated.



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Rightly so! Just look at the agency's description of

Brittain's offenses:

Brittain acquired the images in a number of ways, such as by posing as a woman on the advertising site Craigslist, and offering nude photos purportedly of himself in exchange for photos provided by women. When women provided him with the photos, Brittain posted them on his site without their knowledge or permission.

In addition to collecting and posting the images himself, Brittain solicited viewers of his site to anonymously submit nude photos of people to his site, according to the complaint. He required submissions to include sensitive personal information about the people in the photos, including their full name, town and state, phone number and Facebook profile.

The complaint also alleged that Brittain offered a "bounty system" on his site, wherein users could offer a reward of at least \$100 in exchange for other users finding pictures and information about a specific person.

Brittain won't be doing that sort of thing any more. And nobody should. Because it's sick and it's wrong and it should be illegal everywhere. Banning someone from the revenge porn business is a step in the right direction—next we need to ban revenge porn altogether. [FTC]

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