

# Online Sextortion:

I didn't think it would happen to me.

You are  
not alone.  
Get help.

Report to local law enforcement; HSI and FBI may provide additional help

Report to the CyberTipline: [www.cybertipline.org](http://www.cybertipline.org)

Call or text the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988



I THOUGHT...

“Should I send a nude? She’s hot, and she *did* send one first...OK. Sent! Maybe she’ll send more.”

OCCURRED

I received a message via social media from an attractive new ‘friend.’  
She was flirting a lot and then she sent a nude.  
She kept asking for me to send one back until I sent a naked image of myself.

I THOUGHT...

“They’re demanding money and making threats to post my pic now?! I can’t pay that...what am I going to do?”

OCCURRED

As soon as I sent it, the ‘friend’ turned nasty and threatened to share my pic with my friends and family.  
They demanded hundreds of dollars. I couldn’t afford to pay that much, and they wanted it immediately.  
They said it’s my fault for sending it. I was running out of time before they followed through on the threats.

I THOUGHT...

“I have to stop this. I’ll pay as much as I can, so they’ll stop. Payment sent! ...More?! They’re demanding more money.”

OCCURRED

I offered them as much money as I had. It wasn’t the amount they wanted, but they said it would work.  
I paid the money, and thought it was done. It wasn’t. They demanded more.  
I started getting messages from friends. Even though I had paid, they posted my nude!

I THOUGHT...

“There’s no way out. I’ll never live this down. What if I...? **NO.**  
I know I can always ask for help. I made a mistake, but I’ll get through it. I’m telling my parents NOW.”

OCCURRED

I felt like it was hopeless. I knew better than to fall for this and I made a mistake.  
Then I remembered. There is HELP.  
It was late, but I knocked on my parents’ door. I’m so glad that I did.