

Facebook must hand over 'revenge porn' ID, Dutch court rules

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A Dutch court ordered Facebook to hand over personal details of a revenge porn suspect including email address, mobile phone number and computer IP address

A Dutch court on Thursday ordered Facebook to hand over the identity of someone who posted a revenge porn video on the social network, or face having its servers opened up to an outside investigator.

The Amsterdam District Court's judgement comes after a 21-year-old

Dutch woman sued Facebook after a [video](#) of her performing a sex act on her boyfriend was posted on the site in late January.

The video, which was made in 2011 while the woman and her boyfriend were still minors, was removed from Facebook "shortly afterwards", but can still be found on the Internet.

The judge gave Facebook two weeks to comply in handing over the suspect's name, email address, [mobile phone number](#), birthdate, computer IP address and the date and time the film was posted, viewed and removed.

Facebook has said it no longer has any relevant information after the account was deleted, according to [court documents](#) and a statement.

Should Facebook not comply, "an independent third party must be appointed to investigate the question whether Facebook has or had the details," and compile a report, the court said in a statement.

A lawyer for the woman in the video, identified as "Chantal" from the southern town of Werkendam, told Dutch media his client's life "turned into hell."

Her ex-boyfriend denies posting the video, Dutch media reported.

Thomas van Vught told De Telegraaf newspaper that his client did not believe the relevant data had been deleted, saying: "Facebook records everything: including accepted 'friend' requests with dates and times."

Facebook did not indicate whether it would appeal or comply with Thursday's ruling, but it stressed the data had been removed from its servers and the company no longer had it.

"The offending account was ultimately deleted before we received any request for user data, so all information about it was removed from our servers in accordance with our terms and applicable law," Facebook said in an email to AFP.

"We deeply empathise with the victim's experience and share her desire to keep this kind of nonconsensual imagery off Facebook," it said.

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