



NEWS RELEASE

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Erie Man Charged with Internet Luring of a Child

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced today that charges of internet luring of a child have been filed against Peter Joseph Labella, Jr., of Erie.

Labella, (DOB 12/27/58), a long-time referee of youth sports, is alleged to have attempted contact with an individual he believed to be a 13-year-old girl through a social media profile. Labella was arrested by Brighton police after a series of electronic messages and an arranged meeting with an undercover detective posing as the child.

Labella is set for advisement on the charges at 8:30 a.m. April 18 in Division 2 of Adams County Court.

Anyone with information concerning this investigation should contact the Brighton Police Department's Tip Line at (303) 655-8740.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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