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Man Charged with Sexual Assault on a Child

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Friday that Matthew Paul Barnett has been charged with 12 counts of sexual assault on a child involving three young girls.

Barnett (DOB 05-24-85) of Thornton is charged with three counts of sexual assault on a child (F4), three counts of sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust (F3), two counts of sexual assault on a child as a pattern of abuse (F3), and four counts of committing an aggravated sex offense, a sentencing enhancer.

Thornton police arrested Barnett Friday at Denver International Airport where he is a TSA agent. He will be formally advised of the charges next week in Adams County Court.

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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