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MAN CHARGED IN INTERNET LURING CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a Highlands Ranch man accused of initiating sexually explicit conversations over the Internet and trying to arrange a sexual encounter with a person he believed to be a 13-year-old female.

Ryan Robert Rebenack (dob: 06/19/1979) is charged with Internet sexual exploitation of a child (F4), Internet luring and enticement of a child (F4), and criminal attempt to commit sexual assault on a child (F5).

The charges allege that on August 13, 2009, Rebenack used an online chat room to contact someone Rebenack believed to be a 13 year-old girl. Rebenack is accused of initiating sexually explicit conversations, sending pornographic images, and arranging to meet the "girl" at the Cherry Creek Mall parking lot with the intent of engaging in sexual contact. The person he thought was a teenage girl was actually a Denver Police Investigator.

On August 15, 2009, Denver Police set up surveillance at the Cherry Creek Mall and took Rebenack into custody without incident. Rebenack has been released from custody on a \$25,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, Room 12T, on August 31, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to be advised of the charges against him.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See* Colo. RPC 3.6