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Former Lafayette and Vermilion Parish Educator Arrested on Federal Criminal Complaint

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Louisiana

LAFAYETTE, La. - United States Attorney Brandon B. Brown announced that **Jacob Conrad De La Paz** is in federal custody pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by United States Magistrate Judge David J. Ayo on a federal criminal complaint for attempted production of child pornography. An initial appearance will be held in the John M. Shaw United States Courthouse on **May 1, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.** He has been held without bond.

Following the initial appearance, a detention hearing will be held later in the week and the government will argue that De La Paz be held without bond pending a formal charging decision and possible presentment of the case to a federal grand jury. Pursuant to federal law, this must take place within 30 days of the arrest date and the government will continue its investigation, while evaluating all evidence.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being investigated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Louisiana Bureau of Investigation, Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office and Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office. **Individuals with relevant information are encouraged to contact HSI at 337-262-6619.**

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