

Arapahoe High School teacher accused of sexually assaulting 16-year-old student

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A 24-year-old Arapahoe High School teacher and coach was arrested Friday on suspicion of sexually assaulting a student, the result of an investigation initiated by an anonymous tip to police.

Sarah Elise Porter, a Spanish teacher and track coach at the school in Centennial, is facing charges of sexual assault on a child by someone in a position of trust and sexual exploitation of children/pornography/obscene material, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office said in a news release.

Porter is accused of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old student she was coaching, according to arrest documents.

A student reported the tip through Safe2Tell, which stated that a student and teacher had kissed in an office with the lights off, according to arrest documents.

Safe2Tell allows students across the state to report tips about threats anonymously.

Interviews revealed that Porter allegedly started sending messages and photos to a student she was coaching via Snapchat. She later allegedly forced herself upon the student, threatening him if he resisted — but was interrupted by messages from a coach possibly about a meeting, according to an interview in the arrest affidavit.

The student victim told investigators that Porter sent him nude photos and videos of herself masturbating.

The head track coach confronted Porter after the report, according to the documents, and she told him she had sent revealing photos to a student while wearing a tank top.

A clinical social worker reported to police that Porter told her she had physical contact with a student athlete in her office and that "they did everything leading to it" but did not have sex.

Porter was booked on a no-bond hold on Friday, according to the sheriff's office, and she was scheduled for a first appearance in court on Monday morning.