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Defendant's Brother Charged with Threatening Law Enforcement

The brother of a man arrested last week for luring a child and attempting to engage in an act of sexual penetration with a child was charged today for threatening law enforcement, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Michael Coleman, 61, of Little River, SC, was arrested Thursday morning in Hamilton by detectives with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. He is charged with third-degree terroristic threats and fourth-degree harassment.

Following last week's arrest of Joseph Coleman for his online attempt to lure a 14-year-old boy who was actually an undercover officer, his brother, Michael, took to Facebook and posted a status threatening to shoot and harm law enforcement. Michael Coleman was present on September 5 when authorities executed a search warrant at his brother's Bordentown residence in connection to the online exploitation of children investigation. After the search warrant execution, the MCPO was contacted and advised of the Facebook post. The post stated:

"...They notified me they locked up my brother at 3:15 pm in Robbinsville. As of 12:00 am still no word from him...Cop or no cop. Glad I wasn't carrying cause I'm sure I would have had capped one of those over steroids piece of shits out. Yes one of you were very lucky I wasn't armed I would have protected my life, my mom's life and her property and got

away with it cause it wasn't done by the book...Cops ever roll in on me again like they did today! You better bring body bags cause people will die...So if your not going to do it right then neither shall I".

Michael Coleman was released pending future court proceedings. Joseph Coleman remains in the Mercer County Correction Center pending a detention hearing Friday morning.

Despite having been charged, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Michael Coleman