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Brooklyn rabbi tried to meet 14-year-old girl for sex, prosecutor says



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Nathan David Rabinowich, a Brooklyn rabbi, was arrested Feb. 13, 2013 after allegedly trying to lure an undercover detective posing as a 14-year-old girl to meet for sex. / CBS/AP

(AP) NEW YORK - A Brooklyn rabbi is being accused of trying to lure an undercover detective posing as a 14-year-old girl to meet him for sex.

The Brooklyn district attorney's office says Nathan David Rabinowich, 59, was arrested Wednesday after he showed up at a pre-arranged meeting in Queens.

Rabinowich is being held pending arraignment on charges of attempted rape,

attempted criminal sexual act and attempted endangering the welfare of a child. A telephone message left with his attorney was not immediately returned.

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Authorities say the rabbi, who also operates a tour business, faces up to four years in prison if convicted.

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