

*Venezuelan prosecutor requests arrest for symbolic violence in networks against Antonella Rocuzzo*

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**The arrest warrant was decreed against the sports journalist after making offenses against the wife of footballer Lionel Messi through the social network Twitter. | Photo: Instagram Lionel Messi**

Caracas, September 3 (RHC)-- Venezuela's attorney general, Tarek William Saab, requested the arrest of sports journalist Fernando Petrocelli for the crimes of symbolic violence and promotion of hatred due to gender discrimination, after publishing an offensive tweet against Antonella Rocuzzo, wife of Lionel Messi.

Saab informed the decision through his official account on the social network Twitter, where he mentioned the crimes charged against the Venezuelan communicator.

On the social network, Petrocelli commented on a publication of another user who called to launch spicy chants to Messi, in the framework of the meeting between the champions of America and the vinotinto at the Olympic Stadium of the Central University of Venezuela that will happen this Thursday.

Initially, the journalist asked in a message not to repeat the episode of Maracaibo 2004 with the famous half Brazil, half Vinotinto shirt, in reference to the local fans cheering for their national team and not for the Argentines in the presence of the new Paris Saint-Germain acquisition.

He was then answered by user @jaymoneyg\_, with a message that had clear signs of gender violence and offensive against Antonella.

The journalist, for his part, approved the idea and the content and, although the tweet can no longer be seen, there are screenshots of it.

Finally, Petrocelli posted again apologizing for his behavior. "I deeply regret that my comment yesterday offended the ladies, whom I have always respected at all times. I offer my sincerest apologies. My reference was to the court chants that exist in Argentina. I made a mistake," he said.

Venezuela has the Organic Law on the Right of Women to a Life Free of Violence, which covers any sexist act or inappropriate conduct that has or may result in physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, labor, among other aspects, regardless of whether it occurs in the public or private sphere.

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