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Ventura Man Charged with Human Trafficking of a Minor

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that on October 23, 2023, Kai Sommers (DOB 12/26/87), of Ventura, was charged with four felony counts of child sex crimes. The allegations include two counts of human trafficking of a minor, distribution of child sexual assault material and possession of child sexual assault material by someone with a prior conviction. Aggravating circumstances that Sommers served a prior prison sentence were also alleged for all four counts. Sommers pled not guilty to all counts at arraignment.

Sommers has previous convictions for lewd act upon a child and unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor. He is currently on post-release community supervision. On August 30, 2023, the Ventura Police Department conducted a search of Sommers' home and recovered evidence that led to the current charges.

Human trafficking of a minor includes inducing, persuading, or causing a minor to engage in a commercial sex act. Distribution of child sexual assault material includes exchanging, exhibiting, or distributing images that depict a person under the age of 18 years personally engaging in, or personally simulating, sexual conduct. Deputy District Attorney Rikole Kelly, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, is the prosecutor handling the case.

An early disposition conference is scheduled for October 31, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Sommers is currently held on \$100,000 bail for the four charges and has a no bail hold for violating the terms of his post-release community supervision.

Case: 2023027976

Defendant Information:

Kai Sommers (DOB 12/26/87)

Ventura

Charges:

- (2 counts) PC 236.1(c)(1) – Human Trafficking of a Minor
- (2 counts) PC 311.2(c) – Distribution of Child Sexual Assault Material

Special Allegations:

- CRC 4.421(b)(3) – Defendant served a prior prison term