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**Newbury Park Man Charged with Sex Acts Against Minors**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that on June 23, 2022, a felony complaint was filed against Connor Joseph Kerns (DOB 7/31/02), of Newbury Park. The complaint alleges that Kerns caused, induced, or persuaded two minor females through duress to engage in commercial sex acts. The complaint also alleges that Kerns forcibly raped one of the minor females, and forcibly digitally penetrated both minor females.

Investigation was conducted by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Homeland Security. Ventura County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kerns on June 21, 2022. He is currently being held in custody with bail set at \$1.1 million.

On June 23, 2022, at the request of Kerns' attorney, the arraignment on the charges was continued to July 6, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Additionally, a bail review hearing is scheduled on June 28, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13.

Individuals who have additional information or who may have been victimized by Kerns are encouraged to contact Ventura County Sheriff's Detective Rosalio Cobian at (805) 384-4723.

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