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Joshua Stehle Charged for Kidnapping Child with the Purpose of Committing Sexual Offenses
People v. Joshua Michael Stehle: Kern County Superior Court Case BF198844A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that charges were filed against Joshua Michael Stehle, age 29, on April 4, 2024, as follows:

- One (1) felony count: Kidnapping for Child Molestation; It is also alleged that Stehle was Armed with a Firearm during the offense.
- Two (2) felony counts: Lewd Act Upon a Child Under the Age of 14; It is also alleged that Stehle was Armed with a Firearm during the offense.
- One (1) felony count: Contact with a Minor for Sexual Offense with a Prior Conviction; It is also alleged that Stehle was Armed with a Firearm during the offense.
- One (1) felony count: Meeting a Minor for Lewd Purpose
- One (1) felony count: Using a Minor for Sex Acts
- One (1) felony count: Possession of Child Pornography
- One (1) felony count: Carrying a Concealed Firearm in Vehicle

The charges filed are related to a child kidnapping that alleged to have occurred in Bakersfield on March 17, 2024. The child was located in a vehicle traveling through Utah. Stehle was arrested as a result.

Stehle appeared for arraignment on April 4, 2024. The arraignment has been continued to April 11, 2024. Stehle will remain in custody and is being held on no bail.