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Stand-off Suspect Charged with Burglary and Rape

A 24-year-old Chico man, arrested last Sunday after a several hour standoff with Chico police officers, was in court this afternoon facing felony charges of forcible rape, first-degree residential burglary, criminal threats, domestic violence, child endangerment and false imprisonment involved .

Danny Ray Mendoza-Hancock, 24, was arraigned on the charges in Butte County Superior Court. He was appointed a public defender and his case was continued over to October 12, 2022 for entry of his plea.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Mendoza-Hancock was arrested on October 2, 2020, at the end of a stand-off with law enforcement over the course of several hours, after the police were called by his estranged wife.

The couple had been separated as a result of a previously-reported domestic violence assault on September 17, 2022, which caused the wife's 10-year-old son to attempt to rescue his mother. The boy and mother were injured in the incident and Mendoza-Hancock fled before police arrived.

Ramsey said during the early evening hours of October 1, 2022, Mendoza-Hancock broke into the estranged wife's home and awoke her while she slept on the couch. Mendoza-Hancock was armed with a facsimile handgun and the victim was sexually assaulted. Mendoza-Hancock then refused to leave the home and the victim had to secretly message a friend to call the police. When the police arrived, the wife and her son bolted out the door of their residence leaving Mendoza-Hancock behind. He refused to come out of the home for almost 2 hours as police attempted to talk him out of the home.

Ramsey said Mendoza-Hancock was remanded back to Butte County Jail after the arraignment this afternoon where the judge ordered him held without bail due to public safety concerns and his status as a registered sex offender from the state of Colorado.