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Magalia Man Arraigned on Child Molest

A 48-year-old Magalia man was arraigned on multiple child molest charges this afternoon in Butte County Superior Court. His arraignment was continued to Thursday morning for entry of a plea and appearance of counsel.

Eric Leon Rein, 48, of Magalia, was arrested last Thursday, June 15, 2023, by investigators from the Butte County District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the arrest of Rein was the culmination of a nearly one-and-a-half-month investigation, which alleged Rein molested two young girls, now adults, over the course of several years, beginning when the girls were eight and ten years old.

Ramsey said his investigators were initially alerted to the situation when the Butte County Sheriff's Office referred the case to his investigators in April 2023. One girl disclosed multiple instances of molest, spanning the course of several years. The other girl is living with a disability and is non-verbal. Ramsey said investigators conducted a thorough investigation that included backtracking through time to establish where the girls were living to properly prepare charges for arrest. Once the investigation was complete, Rein was arrested and interviewed.

Ramsey said Rein is facing multiple counts of felony child molest and faces up to 20 years in state prison. He is being held in Butte County Jail on \$400,000 bail.



Eric Leon Rein