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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Oroville Man Arraigned on Multiple Child Molests

A 35-year-old Oroville man was arraigned on multiple child molest charges yesterday afternoon in Butte County Superior Court. His arraignment was continued to Thursday morning for entry of a plea.

**Jason Pearl, 35, of Oroville**, was arrested last Thursday, October 28, 2021, by investigators from the Butte County District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the arrest of Pearl was the culmination of a nearly three-month investigation, which alleged Pearl molested two young sisters over the course of several years, beginning when the girls were six and five-years-old.

Ramsey said his investigators were initially alerted to the situation when the sisters came forth in July 2021. Both girls disclosed multiple instances of molest after Pearl was no longer was in their lives, spanning the course of 10 years. Ramsey said his child abuse investigators conducted a thorough investigation that included backtracking through time to establish where the girls were living and for how long to properly prepare charges for arrest. Once the investigation was complete, Pearl was arrested and interviewed.

Ramsey said Pearl is facing multiple counts of felony child molest and faces up to life in state prison. He is being held in Butte County Jail on \$8,200,000 bail.