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Anaheim Man Charged with Human Trafficking and Multiple Sex Crimes Against Minors

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that David Maldonado (DOB 12/12/85), of Anaheim, has been charged with committing acts of human trafficking, child luring, oral copulation, and sexual intercourse against two minors. It is further alleged that Maldonado was previously convicted of a serious felony "strike" under California's Three-Strikes sentencing law.

On September 12, 2022, Maldonado appeared in the Ventura County Superior Court for arraignment. He pled not guilty to all charges and is being held on \$200,000 bail. Maldonado is scheduled to appear for a bail review hearing on September 14, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. The case is also set for an early disposition conference on September 21, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12.

The charges against Maldonado are the result of an investigation by the District Attorney's Office, the Southern California High Tech Task Force, and the Los Angeles Regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

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