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Re: People v. William Trautwein, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 24CR00821

Santa Barbara County District Attorney John T. Savrnock announced today that a felony complaint charging William Trautwein, a 21-year old resident of Santa Barbara, with 15 counts involving three separate victims. The charges include Forcible Sodomy of a Minor, Forcible Rape, three counts of Oral Copulation of a Minor, Rape of an Unconscious Person, three counts of Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with a Minor, four counts of Assault by Means of Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury, and one count of Possession of Child Pornography.

Trautwein entered a plea of not guilty as to each charge on Monday, February 5, 2024. The defendant is being held on no bail at this time. The case has been assigned to the Honorable Von Deroian in Department 11 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court. The case is scheduled for Preliminary Hearing Setting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

These charges stem from a lengthy investigation by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office. The District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office would like to encourage anyone with knowledge of additional crimes associated with Trautwein to please contact Detective Plett by phone at 805-681-4150. If you would like to be anonymous, you may submit information to <https://www.sbsheriff.org/home/anonymous-tip/> or by calling 805-681-4171.

The District Attorney's Office stands by all survivors of sexual assault. The District Attorney Victim-Witness Program ensures all survivors are kept informed and supported throughout the criminal justice process. Survivors have the option of contacting the Victim-Witness Assistance Program directly at 805-568-2400 or toll free at 855-840-3232.

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