

Y-S reserve officer to stand trial on child molestation charges

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A Yuba-Sutter reserve law enforcement officer was ordered on Friday to stand trial in Butte County on child molestation charges, according to District Attorney Mike Ramsey.

Superior Court Judge Kristen Lucena told Jared M. Tomlinson to return to court on Oct. 24 for arraignment after she heard testimony during a two-hour preliminary hearing, Ramsey said.

Tomlinson faces four felony counts: lewd acts upon a child, oral copulation of a person under 16, sodomy of a person under 16 and attempted sodomy of person under 16.

The alleged victim was 13 years old when the molestations began in 2003.

The reported abuse ended in 2005, authorities said, two years before Tomlinson, now 28, became a reserve peace officer in Yuba-Sutter.

Ramsey said the lone witness during the preliminary hearing was a Butte County sheriff's deputy who investigated the case.

Ramsey said a trial date will be set when Tomlinson returns to court.

The district attorney said he wants the trial to be set within 60 days of Tomlinson's arraignment, but "there's always a chance for a disposition. That will be up to his attorney."

Tomlinson, a reserve officer with the Sutter County Sheriff's Department and the Marysville Police Department at the time of his arrest, was placed on leave without pay.

He has been free on his own recognizance, Ramsey said.

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