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**Felony Case Filed Against Local CHP Officer: BF 181810 A: Brian Pardue**

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced today that charges have been filed against Brian Pardue, an officer with the California Highway Patrol in the Bakersfield area.

Brian Pardue is charged with two counts:

**Count 1:** Penal Code Section 288.3: Attempt to contact a minor with intent to commit sexual offense, a felony

**Count 2:** Penal Code Section 288.4(a)(1): Arrangement of meeting with a person believed to be a minor with intent to commit a sexual offense, a felony.

The charges are alleged to have occurred on July 3, 2020, and involve digital communications with an undercover law enforcement officer who identified in the communications as an underage minor.

Pardue was arraigned on the charges on Friday, July 24, where his attorney entered not guilty pleas on his behalf. Pardue has posted bail in the amount of \$52,500, and has a preliminary hearing scheduled for September 16, 2020.