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District Attorney Paul Gallegos announced today that after a review of reports submitted by the Fortuna Police Department, his office filed a criminal complaint against Deidre Peterson. Peterson, a 41 year-old resident of Fortuna, has been charged with one felony count of Unlawful Sexual Intercourse and one misdemeanor count of Child Molestation. The Fortuna PD investigation revealed evidence of Ms. Peterson's sexual conduct with a 17 year-old minor. Pursuant to statute, his name is not disclosed. If convicted, Ms. Peterson would be eligible for probation but could also face up to three years in prison

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