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HANFORD POLICE ARREST MAN TWICE IN ONE WEEK

After first arrest for sex with minor, Caleb Bott was released from jail and stalked victim

HANFORD, CA – On October 22, 2022, the Hanford Police Department was dispatched to a confidential location in the City of Hanford. Once there, officers learned that Caleb Bott, age 24, was having unlawful sexual intercourse and arranging to have sex with a minor.

Officers conducted their investigation and found evidence to support these allegations. Bott was located near the 800 block of West Grangeville Boulevard in his vehicle. Bott was arrested and booked into the Kings County Jail on the evening of October 22 on the following charges:

PC. 288.4(A)(1)	Arranging meeting with minor for lewd purpose
PC 261.5(A)	Unlawful sexual intercourse w/minor under 18
PC 148(A)(1)	Obstruct/resist/etc. public/peace officer

The case was assigned to the Hanford Police Department Investigations Division to continue with the investigation.

On October 24, 2022, Bott was released from the Kings County Jail. At approximately 1 p.m., he walked to the Hanford Police Department to request evidence seized during the arrest. The request was denied and Bott left the police department.

Bott then walked to a local towing company where his vehicle had been previously towed. He gained access to his vehicle to retrieve property. Bott then started the car and drove through a chain-link fence at a high rate of speed. He was gone by the time officers arrived.

Just before 3 p.m., the Hanford Police Department received a call from a third party at the request of Bott's juvenile victim. The victim was leaving school when confronted by Mr. Bott. Mr. Bott again left in his vehicle before officers arrived.

Officers then began checking possible locations for Mr. Bott and found him parked in his car near the victim's home.

Officers detained Mr. Bott and he was later transported and booked into the Kings County Jail for the following charges:

PC 211	Robbery second degree
PC 646.9(A)	Stalking
PC 69(A)	Obstruct/resist exec officer

“We are proud of the victim in this case, who stood up against their abuser and contacted law enforcement for help,” said Hanford Police Captain Karl Anderson. “I’m also proud of my officers, who were able to find Mr. Bott and put him in jail. But unfortunately, his release from jail led to more crimes, including the stalking of his underage victim. Thankfully, we were able to find and rearrest Mr. Bott.”

Questions related to the status of criminal charges against Mr. Bott should be referred to the Kings County District Attorney’s Office.

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