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Trial to Begin For San Bruno Man Accused of Molesting Stepdaughter
According to the San Mateo County district attorney's office, the man allegedly began molesting his stepdaughter when they lived in India and continued to molest her when the family emigrated to San Bruno.

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The trial of a San Bruno man who is accused of molesting his 15-year-old stepdaughter multiple times over a year is set to begin today.

Rohit Dhir, 30, has been charged with 11 counts of engaging in a lewd act with a minor in connection with the alleged crime. The prosecution will begin its opening statements this afternoon in the Redwood City Hall of Justice.

According to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, Dhir allegedly began molesting his stepdaughter when they lived in India in September 2009. The molestation, which included fondling and oral copulation, continued when the family emigrated to San Bruno until September 2010, the district attorney's office said.

The stepdaughter tried to report the molestation claims to her mother, but her mother ignored them, the district attorney's office said. The stepdaughter later ended up in foster care and is now in college.

Dhir's attorney, David Cohen, has denied all the charges and claims that the stepdaughter made up a story because Dhir was opposed to her getting an education and wanted her to have an arranged marriage.

Dhir has been in custody on \$800,000 bail.

Molestation Charges Dropped; Other Charges Send San Bruno Man To Prison

The 31-year-old pleaded no contest to two felony charges in a new trial after prosecutors dropped the charges that he molested his 15-year-old stepdaughter.

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A San Bruno man who escaped sexual assault charges but pleaded guilty to lesser felony charges, the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office said Monday.

Rohit Dhir, 31, pleaded no contest in July 2011 to sexually assaulting his 15-year-old stepdaughter. But Dhir's attorney filed a writ of coram nobis – essentially an order to restore, so far as possible, an erroneously convicted party to a pre-conviction state – causing Superior Court Judge Jonathan Karesh to throw out the original case and .

Dhir didn't face any sexual assault charges for the new case after prosecutors reduced the charges and the victim decided that she just wanted to get on with her life, District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said.

On Friday, Dhir pleaded no contest to preventing his stepdaughter from testifying in court and false imprisonment. Karesh sentenced him to three years and eight months in state prison.

According to the district attorney's office, Dhir began molesting his stepdaughter when they lived in India. The molestation, which included fondling and oral copulation, continued when the family emigrated to San Bruno, until November 2007.

Throughout the case, Dhir's attorney denied all the charges and claimed that the stepdaughter made up a story because Dhir was opposed to her getting an education and wanted her to have an arranged marriage.