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PRESS RELEASE

SERIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER CONVICTED

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On November 15, 2018, Edward Joseph McCullough, aged 47, was convicted in two separate cases involving domestic violence by the Honorable Judge Mark S. Boessenecker in Napa County Superior Court. Defendant was found guilty of five felony crimes, including two counts of causing injury to a dating partner, making criminal threats, dissuading a victim from reporting a crime, and false imprisonment with violence. The court found true a special allegation defendant committed new crimes after being released from jail on his own recognizance. Defendant was also found guilty of eight misdemeanor crimes, including vandalism, battery, disobeying a court order, and resisting arrest. The court also found true special allegations that defendant had a prior conviction for domestic battery. Both cases were heard together in a consolidated three day court trial.

The convictions are a result of repeated acts of domestic violence between defendant and a person he has been dating for less than a year. Multiple witnesses testified against defendant, including law enforcement and citizens who heard and witnessed the domestic abuse. The case was prosecuted by Napa County Deputy District Attorney Aimee McLeod who said,

"Domestic violence is a crime that often occurs in secret and behind closed doors where no one else can see or intervene. Domestic violence is always about one person trying to control another. It can manifest in many ways from physical abuse, to threats of physical abuse, or destruction of personal property. No one should have to live in a home where they are afraid of their spouse or dating partner. Thank you to the Napa Police Department for their excellent work in helping to hold this serial abuser accountable for his actions."

The Napa Police Department led the investigation into each incident. Napa County District Attorney Investigator Carolina Wieggers assisted in the prosecution.

Defendant is being held on \$150,000 bail. He faces a maximum sentence of 13 years, 8 months in state prison. Defendant will be back in court for a sentencing hearing on January 11, 2019 at 8:30 in Department E.

Any questions regarding this case may be directed to Assistant District Attorney Paul Gero.