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CHILD MOLESTER CONVICTED

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On June 12, 2019, Roy Linn Tidwell, aged 53, was convicted of one count and two special allegations by a Napa County jury. Defendant was found guilty of forcible lewd acts on a child under the age of 14. The jury also found true special allegations, including that the defendant had substantial sexual conduct with the child and used force in the commission of the offense. The Honorable Judge Elia Ortiz presided over the three-day jury trial in Napa Superior Court.

The conviction stems from an incident which occurred on the evening of November 15, 2007, where the defendant had sexual contact with the survivor, who was seven years old at the time. During the jury trial, the survivor testified against him. The case was prosecuted by Napa County Deputy District Attorney Agnes Dziadur who said:

“This case rested heavily on the testimony of the survivor. It took extraordinary courage for her to enter a courtroom, tell a roomful of strangers the truth of her ordeal, be cross-examined and look into the face of her abuser. I am grateful that this jury, like myself, my team, and our office, believed her, honored her bravery and helped her achieve justice through the conviction of her abuser.”

Napa County Sheriff's Department Detective Nathalie Hurtado led the investigation. Napa County District Attorney Investigator Melissa Kelly assisted in the prosecution. Sexual Assault Victim Services provided advocacy for the survivor.

Defendant is being held without bail. He faces a sentence of up to ten years in state prison. Defendant will be back in court for a sentencing hearing on August 9, 2019 at 8:30 in Department H.

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