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PRESS RELEASE

CHILD MOLESTER CONVICTED

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On July 25, 2019, Alvin Villete Caparaz, aged 46, was convicted of six counts and nine special allegations by a Napa County jury. Defendant was found guilty of two counts of forcible lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under 14 years of age, one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child, one count of forcible sexual penetration of a child under 14 years of age, and two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under 14. The jury also found true special allegations, including that the defendant had substantial sexual conduct with a child, that the defendant used force in the commission of the offense, and that the defendant committed specified crimes against more than one victim. The Honorable Judge Elia Ortiz presided over the nine-day jury trial in Napa Superior Court.

The convictions are a result of sexual contact the defendant had with two family members that occurred from 2010 to 2014 in both Napa County and Santa Clara County. The survivors were between 7 – 13 years-old at the time of the molestations. A disclosure by one of the survivors prompted an investigation by the Napa County Sheriff's Office, which resulted in charges being filed, and the defendant taken into custody, in May of 2015. During the jury trial, both survivors testified against him. The case was prosecuted by Napa County Deputy District Attorney Agnes Dziadur who said:

"This was a unique situation due to the length of time it took to bring this case to trial. Due to numerous hearings and interim proceedings, it took over four years. I have been with this case from the very beginning, and it took extraordinary trust, courage, strength, and resolve for the survivors to endure that amount of time before they saw justice achieved. I am grateful that this jury honored their bravery and hopefully gave them some well-deserved closure in their lives through the conviction of their abuser."

Napa County Sheriff's Office Detective Nathalie Hurtado led the investigation. Napa County District Attorney Investigators Ana Baber and Sharon Fong assisted in the prosecution. Sexual Assault Victim Services provided advocacy for the survivors.

Defendant is being held without bail. He faces a life sentence in state prison. Defendant will be back in court for a sentencing hearing on September 20, 2019 at 8:30 in Department H.

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