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### PRESS RELEASE

#### HABITUAL CHILD MOLESTER SENTENCED TO 101 YEARS IN PRISON

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Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On November 13, 2019, pursuant to a plea agreement, Ronald James Fryer, aged 58, was sentenced to 101 years and 4 months in the State Prison by the Honorable Francisca Tisher of Napa Superior Court. In addition, Mr. Fryer will have to register as a sex offender.

On September 25, 2019, Mr. Fryer pled guilty to five counts of forcible lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under 14 years of age, four counts of continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14 years of age, and two counts of possession of child pornography.

The convictions were a result of sexual contact the defendant had with seven children between 1990 and 2018 in Napa County, as well as lewd materials found in the defendant's possession. The survivors were between 2 – 12 years old at the time of the molestations. This case began as an indecent exposure incident involving two elementary school children in 2018. The investigation of those crimes led Napa Police Department detectives to uncover decades-long sexual abuse that the defendant perpetrated on many of the children in his life, including family members and friends. This resulted in substantial criminal charges filed in April of 2018. Many of the survivors and family members were present at the sentencing hearing; three survivors wrote victim impact statements addressing the defendant and the Court.

One survivor stated, "you are worse than a monster. I will never speak of you to my daughter, she will never know you. You are not worth knowing."

Another survivor stated, "thinking about the ways Ron has negatively impacted our family, the unspeakable acts he committed, is beyond painful to think about . . . As a parent, I constantly feel lost and struggle. It is my wish for [my children] that they grow up to be happy, healthy, productive, functioning adults who are able to form healthy relationships. I hope we reach that goal someday."

The case was prosecuted by Napa County Deputy District Attorney Agnes Dziadur. Napa Police Department Detective Garrett Smith led the investigation. Sexual Assault Victim Services provided advocacy for the survivors. Any questions regarding this case may be directed to Assistant District Attorney Paul Gero.