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### PRESS RELEASE

#### PORTABLE TOILET SEXUAL ASSAILANT CONVICTED

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Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On December 10, 2019, Peterson Fontes, aged 42, was convicted of four counts and one special allegation by a Napa County jury. Defendant was found guilty of two counts of sexual penetration by force, one count of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burglary, and one count of vandalism. The jury also found true a special allegation that the amount of damage caused by the vandalism was over \$400. The Honorable Judge Scott R.L. Young presided over the jury trial in Napa Superior Court.

The convictions are a result of the defendant cutting holes into the back of portable toilets and digitally penetrating two women while they were using those toilets at a festival in May of 2019 in both Napa County and Alameda County. The defendant was arrested after being caught behind the portable toilets at the BottleRock music festival. During the trial, both survivors testified against the defendant. The case was prosecuted by Napa County Deputy District Attorney Kristen Orlando who said:

"This was a unique situation where the defendant targeted multiple victims in portable bathrooms where they were at their most vulnerable. The bravery of both survivors to come forward and face their abuser is a true testament to their extraordinary courage. I am grateful to this jury, like my team, our office, and myself they believed in the survivors, honored their bravery and helped them achieve justice through this conviction."

Napa Police Department Detective Brandt Keown 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 sentence of sixteen years and eight months in state prison. Defendant will be back in court for a sentencing hearing on January 14, 2019 at 8:30 in Department E.

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