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### **PRESS RELEASE** NAPA MAN CONVICTED OF VIOLENCE IN THE HOME

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Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On December 20, 2019, Wendell Coleman, age 43, was convicted of felony Corporal Injury on an Intimate Partner, felony False Imprisonment by Violence, felony Vandalism, and Violations of a Court Order on three separate occasions. The Honorable Elia Ortiz presided over the five-day jury trial in Napa Superior Court.

The convictions stem originally from a 2017 incident wherein the defendant became irate at his then-domestic partner and mother of his child. Mr. Coleman vandalized items in their home, blocked the victim from freely moving about their home and later, grabbed her by the face causing numerous cuts and bruises from his use of violence, and pushed her onto the floor. These events took place in the presence of the couple's infant child. The victim was so terrorized that she urinated on herself. The defendant was properly served with a restraining order that he violated on multiple occasions.

The investigation in this matter was spearheaded by the Napa County Sheriff's Department and the Napa County District Attorney's Office. Deputy District Attorney Kecia Lind and Napa County District Attorney Investigator Carolina Wieggers prosecuted the case. District Attorney Haley directly oversees the Family Violence Unit within her office and commented: "The phrase 'Domestic Violence' fails to capture the terror survivors describe when they recount their relationships and the acts of violence that bring them to a courtroom. To live in a home where a partner, parent or loved one is the biggest threat to life, safety and tranquility is a type of psychological stress and trauma that can be difficult to capture or communicate to a jury. It is affecting Napa's families, neighbors, friends and most acutely, Napa's children."

Sentencing is scheduled for January 30, 2020 at 8:30am in Department G.