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PRESS RELEASE

MAN SENTENCED TO 33 YEARS PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF TWO NAPA RESIDENTS

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today the sentence of Nicholas Zazzarino, age 30, who pled guilty to five felony charges, including two counts of attempted murder, two counts of assault with a firearm, and one count of criminal threats. Today, Judge Mark Boessenecker sentenced Mr. Zazzarino to state prison for 33 years, 8 months.

The charges stem from his shooting of two people on the morning of January 19, 2018. Mr. Zazzarino shot an acquaintance two times with a handgun following an argument at a Starbucks on Jefferson Street in the City of Napa shortly after 8 a.m.. After fleeing the scene, a concerned citizen approached Mr. Zazzarino upon seeing him peering into the backyard of his neighbor's home near Sutherland Park. Mr. Zazzarino, fearing the man would call the police, shot him once in the abdomen before fleeing the second scene. Napa Police Department officers located Mr. Zazzarino shortly after the second shooting. He was found with the handgun and several baggies of illegal controlled substances. Both victims survived their injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Kecia Lind who stated, "I am thankful that we could bring justice to the victims of Mr. Zazzarino's reckless and dangerous acts. The Napa First Responder community including the Napa Police Department, Napa Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Investigators, Fire Department, and Paramedics did an outstanding job to quickly capture the defendant before he was able to harm anyone else, and to save the lives of those who were shot. Their ability to work together and communicate as a team kept our community safe and ensured that this case was investigated thoroughly to hold the defendant responsible for his actions."

Per order of Governor Gavin Newsom, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is currently not accepting new prisoners due to COVID-19. Mr. Zazzarino is the 21st prisoner awaiting transfer from the Napa County Department of Corrections to State Prison. He will remain incarcerated in Napa until the Governor's order is lifted.

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