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CHILD MOLESTER CONVICTED

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On April 1, 2021, Christopher Michael Johnson, aged 48, was convicted of 22 criminal charges and four special allegations. Defendant was found guilty of nine counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, nine counts of oral copulation with a child ten or under, and four counts of forcible lewd acts upon a child. The jury also found true special allegations that the defendant had substantial sexual conduct with a child. The Honorable Judge Mark Boessenecker presided over the eight-day jury trial in Napa Superior Court.

The convictions are the result of sexual contact the defendant had with a family member in 2019 in Napa County. The survivor was between eight to nine-years-old at the time of the molestation. The investigation by the Napa Police Department was prompted by information they received from Child Welfare Services based on an anonymous tip that the child may have been in danger. During the jury trial, the now ten-year-old survivor testified against her abuser. The case was prosecuted by Napa County Deputy District Attorney Agnes Dziadur who said:

"It took extraordinary courage for this young survivor to enter a courtroom during these uncertain and difficult times, tell a roomful of masked strangers the truth of her ordeal, be cross-examined, and face her abuser, someone who should have been a trusted adult and protector in her life. I am grateful that this jury honored that bravery and hopeful that this little girl can finally get some well-deserved peace and closure in her life."

Napa County Police Department Detective Garrett Wade led the investigation. Napa County District Attorney Investigator Sharon Fong assisted in the prosecution. Sexual Assault Victim Services provided advocacy for the survivors.

Defendant is being held on two million dollars bail. He faces a life sentence in state prison. Defendant will be back in court for a sentencing hearing on April 29, 2021 at 8:30 in Department 4.

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