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PRESS RELEASE **SERIAL CHILD MOLESTER CONVICTED**

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On April 20, 2021, Flemin Fernando Martinez, aged 36, was convicted of 17 criminal charges and two special allegations. Defendant was found guilty of 12 counts of lewd act upon a child, two counts of oral copulation with a child ten or under, one count of forcible rape of a child over 14, one count of using a minor for sex acts, and one count of possession of matter depicting a minor engaging in sexual conduct. The jury also found true special allegations that the defendant had substantial sexual conduct with a child and that the defendant committed a sexual offense against multiple victims. The Honorable Judge Mark Boessenecker presided over the six-day jury trial in Napa Superior Court.

The convictions are the result of sexual contact the defendant had with three family members and one family friend between 2011 and 2019 in Napa County. The survivors were between seven and 16-years-old at the time of the molestations. The investigation by the Napa Police Department was prompted by a close friend of one survivor reporting the disclosure of sexual abuse to a family member who was also a school official. During the jury trial, all four survivors, now between the ages of 12 and 17-years-old testified against their abuser. The case was prosecuted by Napa County Deputy District Attorney Agnes Dziadur who said:

"This case is the perfect example of why we need children in our community to feel safe enough at schools to talk about difficult issues involving abuse with friends, teachers, and school staff. It took a lot of courage for this survivor to tell her friend about what the defendant had done to her and for her friend to report what was disclosed. Without that, the Napa Police Department may have never uncovered the wide-reaching and long-term web of sexual abuse the defendant had woven. All four survivors exhibited exemplary bravery by testifying in court against their abuser, especially in these trying and uncertain times."

Napa Police Department Detectives Brandt Keown and Jason Barrera 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 without bail. He faces a life sentence in state prison. Defendant will be back in court for a sentencing hearing on May 27, 2021 at 8:30 in Department 4.

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