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### **PRESS RELEASE** **NAPA JURY CONVICTS STALKER OF LOCAL RESIDENT**

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Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On May 3, 2021, Christopher Scott Cline, aged 30, was convicted of felony Stalking in violation of Penal Code section 646.9(a) and misdemeanor Trespass in violation of Penal Code section 602(o). The Honorable Judge Cynthia Smith presided over the five-day jury trial in Napa Superior Court.

The convictions are the result of the defendant repeatedly returning to the rural property of a 72-year-old woman whom he did not know. After being ordered twice by the Napa County Sheriff's Office to stay away from her property, defendant was found at the woman's front door in the middle of the night after repeatedly ringing her doorbell and waking her up. The woman's home was set back from the road, behind a wall and two secured gates. The victim lived alone. A Napa County Sheriff's Office deputy alertedly located defendant approximately an hour later in the City of Calistoga, a couple miles away from the woman's residence.

The jury also heard evidence that defendant has a predatory history of targeting women in Napa County—a lone, graveyard shift security guard stationed at a PG&E jobsite following the 2020 fires, and two elderly women in 2018 who were both living in a senior community. All three women testified during the trial. One of the elderly victims described being sexually battered by defendant.

At the time of his arrest, defendant was on two grants of Napa County probation for Receiving Stolen Property and Failing to Register as a Sex Offender. Defendant has been required to register as a sex offender since 2016 when he was convicted of Annoying or Molesting a Child in Los Angeles County.

Deputy District Attorney Taryn Hunter who prosecuted the case, commented that "Mr. Cline was and is a demonstrated threat to particularly vulnerable women in our community and our seniors. It can be incredibly frightening to have a stranger stalk you at your home, especially when you're alone in an isolated part of the county. A sizeable amount of the testimony in this matter came from our elderly victims. Our office has professionals on staff to assist our seniors with their unique needs to achieve justice – highly skilled advocates and lawyers who walk with them throughout the court system process."

Defendant is being held in custody on bail. Defendant will be back in court for sentencing on June 1, 2021 at 8:30 in Department 5.

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