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PRESS RELEASE **NAPA JURY CONVICTS SERIAL CHILD MOLESTER**

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On September 21, 2021, Lucio Villegas, aged 49, was convicted of ten criminal charges and nine special allegations. Defendant was found guilty of six counts of lewd act upon a child under 14, one count of forcible rape of a child 14 or over, one count of sexual penetration by a foreign object of a minor 14 or over, one count of forcible oral copulation of a minor 14 or over, and one count of dissuading a witness from reporting a crime. The jury also found true special allegations, as to nine of the charged counts, that the defendant committed sexual offense against multiple victims. The Honorable Scott R. L. Young presided over the seven-day jury trial in Napa Superior Court.

The convictions are the result of sexual contact the defendant had with one family member and two close family friends between 2010 and 2019 in Napa County. The survivors were between seven and 14-years-old at the time of the molestations. The investigation by the Napa Police Department was prompted when the two youngest survivors disclosed to their parents, who in turn reported to their daughters' school. The parents were fearful of reporting to law enforcement due to threats the defendant had previously made. While conducting their investigation, Napa Police detectives learned of the rape and sexual abuse of the third survivor, which had occurred many years prior. During the jury trial, all three survivors, now between the ages of 10 and 25-years-old testified against their abuser. The case was prosecuted by Napa County Deputy District Attorney Agnes Dziadur who said:

"The facts of this case were absolutely heartbreaking. It took some of the survivors a very long time to come to terms with what the defendant had done. Then, due to the pandemic and other factors beyond anyone's control, it took an extraordinarily long time to get this case to jury trial, making it impossible for the survivors to begin healing and move forward with their lives. I'm grateful that the jury honored their patience and bravery with this verdict."

Napa Police Department Detectives Jason Barrera and Dustin Dodd 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 November 30, 2021 at 8:30 in Department 1.

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