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CHILD MOLESTER'S PRISON SENTENCE STAYED BY NAPA JUDGE

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On November 1, 2021, William Donald Henri, aged 68, was found guilty of two counts of Lewd and Lascivious Conduct with a Child Under 14 years of Age, and two special allegations of Substantial Sexual Conduct by a Napa County jury. The Honorable Mark Boessenecker presided over the jury trial in the Napa Superior Court.

The felony convictions were the result of sexual contact the defendant had with one minor family member between 2010 and 2014 in Napa County. The survivor was between the ages of 4 and 5 years old at the time of the molestations. The investigation into this case began after the survivor and her family courageously came forward and reported the abuse to law enforcement, which resulted in charges being filed in September of 2019. During the trial, the survivor testified against the defendant.

On March 7, 2022, the defendant was sentenced to 5 years in State Prison by the Honorable Mark Boessenecker. He is also required register as a Sex Offender. Additionally, Judge Boessenecker awarded a total of \$35,000 in damages to the survivor and her mother. The survivor's mother was present at the sentencing hearing where she gave an impact statement addressing the defendant and the Court.

Judge Boessenecker stayed the execution of the defendant's prison sentence pending his appeal. This means that the convicted child molester will not have to serve his prison sentence unless and until the Appellate Court affirms the Napa County conviction. This could take months to years. Judge Boessenecker also granted the defendant bail pending his appeal in the amount of \$500,000. The defendant was remanded into custody at the Napa County Detention Center on March 11, 2022. He posted bail that same day. The defendant, a resident of Oregon, is subject to bail conditions including that he checks in with probation, surrenders his passport, and has no contact with minors under the age of 18.

"Allowing a convicted child molester to delay indefinitely his prison sentence and resume his life out of state was extremely difficult to explain to the survivor and her family," said District Attorney Allison Haley. "They understandably feel deeply betrayed by the system and are left wondering why, after a jury unanimously determined guilt, they were denied justice."

Deputy District Attorney Kristen Orlando prosecuted the case. Napa Police Department Sergeant Garrett Smith led the investigation. Sexual Assault Victim Services provided advocacy for the survivor.

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