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### PRESS RELEASE

#### CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTOR BRUCE CLOTFELTER DENIED PAROLE

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Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced that Bruce Clotfelter, 62-years-old, was denied parole after a November 10, 2022 hearing that was held via videoconference before the State of California Board of Parole Hearings. The denial imposed was for five years, pursuant to Marsy's Law which was passed by the voters in the November 2008 general election.

Mr. Clotfelter was convicted by a Napa jury in July 2018 for committing multiple counts of Perjury, Identify Theft, and Forgery between 2010 and 2011 in efforts to conceal his status as a sex offender. He was subsequently convicted by another Napa jury in September 2018 for multiple counts of Contacting a Minor with the Intent to Commit a Sexual Offense and Annoying or Molesting a Minor for conduct spanning between 2009 and 2016. These convictions were later reversed by the California Court of Appeal and converted to Assault with Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury and Sexual Battery, by way of plea agreement.

Mr. Clotfelter had also suffered 1989 convictions for 3 counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts on a Child Under 14 in a case out of Butte County where he molested 5 boys he befriended through his church. In 1996, he was convicted of False Impersonation of a Military Officer for masquerading as a naval Top Gun pilot and going to various schools to meet boys. He was further convicted of Failure to Update his Sex Offender Registration in Napa County in 2015. He served prison time and was committed as a Sexually Violent Predator to the State Hospital system for the above offenses but was eventually released and discharged.

The Honorable Scott R.L. Young ultimately sentenced Mr. Clotfelter to 75 years to life in state prison for the current offenses. He has served only 4 years of that sentence. However, Mr. Clotfelter was eligible for parole this year under California's Proposition 57 "Nonviolent Offender" Parole Law which was passed by the voters in November 2016.

Deputy District Attorney Agnes Dziadur appeared at the hearing and argued against Mr. Clotfelter's release based upon his lacking insight and understanding into his criminality, his likelihood for recidivism, the fact that he has repeatedly shown that he does not believe in the rules of society, orders of any court, or the laws of California or the United States, as well as the unreasonable danger

he presents to the community should he be paroled. The Board of Parole agreed that Mr. Clotfelter continued to pose a threat to public safety and denied his parole for five years.

The Napa County District Attorney's Office sends a representative to every parole hearing for defendants serving a life sentence for a Napa County crime.

Deputy District Attorney Agnes Dziadur stated that, "This case, where a violent sex offender is eligible for parole after serving a mere 4 years of a 75 to life sentence, highlights the shortfalls of Prop. 57 within the criminal justice system. Although the law was originally intended to exclude sex offenders and those serving life terms, it now eliminates neither. While we are grateful that the Board of Parole Hearings denied Mr. Clotfelter's release now, he will be eligible again in 5 years, and we will be revisiting the issue of his dangerousness indefinitely into the future. This new uncertainty after the imposition of a life sentence is both shocking and devastating to our victims, who must now periodically relive their experiences after unexpected changes in the law."

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