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PRESS RELEASE

**DEBRA ANN WINDHOLZ CONVICTED OF MULTIPLE COUNTS OF ARSON
OF BERRYESSA KNOXVILLE ROAD**

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today that Debra Ann Windholz, age 60, pled no contest on August 1, 2018 to multiple arson crimes. Ms. Windholz pled no contest to three counts of Arson of a Forest Land. The plea was taken in Napa County Superior Court before Judge Diane Price. The terms of the plea call for Ms. Windholz to register as an Arson Offender, be placed on four years of Formal Probation, and spend a maximum of six months in the Napa County Detention Center. Additional appropriate terms and conditions of probation, including damages and restitution for the fires, will be argued at sentencing and imposed by the Judge. These three counts are strikes under the "Three Strikes" law and will be on her permanent record.

Ms. Windholz was charged with setting eleven fires between October 30, 2015 and August 10, 2017. The fires were all maliciously set in the area of Berryessa Knoxville Road. The case was investigated by Cal Fire. Arson Investigators Russell West and Gary Uboldi spearheaded the investigation.

Ms. Windholz had previously posted a \$200,000 bail bond. She will be in court for a sentencing hearing on September 18, 2018 at 8:30 am in Department E.

Deputy District Attorney Agnes Dziadur, who prosecuted the case, commented: "We are glad that the defendant took early responsibility for her crimes. Her dangerous actions put our community at risk. We would like to express our gratitude to the Cal Fire investigators, who put an immense amount of time and resources into this case. It was their work which made this resolution possible."

These charges are not connected to the Tubbs, Patrick and Atlas wildfires in October, 2017. Any questions regarding this case may be directed to Assistant District Attorney Paul Gero.