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CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTER AND SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR FOUND GUILTY ON TWELVE FELONY COUNTS IN NAPA SUPERIOR COURT

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On July 26, 2018, Bruce Lee Clotfelter, aged 57, was convicted of 12 felony counts by a Napa County jury. Clotfelter was found guilty of Perjury, two counts of Unauthorized Use of Personal Identifying Information, two counts of Forgery of a Document, and seven counts of Grand Theft. The jury also found true that Clotfelter had three prior convictions for Lewd and Lascivious Acts on a Child Under 14. He was previously adjudicated a Sexually Violent Predator. The Honorable Judge Diane Price presided over the one and a half week jury trial in Napa Superior Court.

Clotfelter was a convicted child molester who was previously sent to state prison. While on parole for those offenses, he was convicted of impersonating a military officer for posing as a Top Gun flight instructor at various elementary schools to get access to children. Clotfelter was adjudicated a Sexually Violent Predator and was committed to the state hospital system. He was released in 2007 and moved to Napa. The July 26, 2018 convictions are the result of Clotfelter, a registered sex offender, changing his legal name from Bruce Lee Clotfelter to "Dalton Bruce Vail" to avoid detection as a sex offender by submitting falsified documents to United States Department of State and thereafter committing perjury regarding his name change on a Department of Motor Vehicles application. Clotfelter also accepted thousands of dollars of Social Security Supplement Security Income to which he was not entitled.

The case was prosecuted by Napa County Deputy District Attorney Crystal Howard. Ms. Howard was appreciative of the jury verdicts and believes the community is a safer place with Clotfelter held accountable for his almost decade long criminal deception. The Napa Police Department was instrumental in the complex investigation and prosecution of Clotfelter. Sergeant Amy Hunter of the Investigations Division spearheaded the case for the Napa Police Department. She worked in close cooperation with federal and state law enforcement agencies, including the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Service, the California Department of Motor Vehicle Investigations Unit, and the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General.

Clotfelter will be back in court for a sentencing hearing on August 13 at 8:30. Clotfelter is pending a separate case involving contact with children in Napa Superior Court with a trial status conference set for August 15, 2018.

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