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Off Duty CHP Officer Found Guilty in 2017 Shooting of Neighbor

Case #: 2017042577

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today, October 17, 2022, that Judge Derek Malan found defendant, Trevor Dalton (DOB 09/19/72) of Ventura, guilty of using a gun and inflicting great bodily injury.

On December 4th, 2017, the defendant was involved in a dispute with Sorin Popescu, (DOB 12/05/68) a neighbor, during the first night of the Thomas fire. Mr. Dalton was an off-duty California Highway Patrol Officer at the time of the shooting. Dalton fired two shots at his neighbor, striking Mr. Popescu once in the back, causing serious injury.

"I think justice was done by this verdict and it shows that anyone who commits an unjustifiable act of violence should be held accountable and that happened here," said Senior Deputy District Attorney Richard Simon, a prosecutor from the serious and violent felony unit.

This case was a court trial, with both sides having waived rights to the jury. Mr. Dalton remains out on bail and is scheduled to be sentenced on December 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 26.

Defendant Information:

Trevor Dalton (DOB 09/19/72)

Ventura, CA

Convicted:

- 245(a)(2) assault with a firearm plus Penal Code section special allegation 12022.7 infliction of great bodily injury.
- Use of a firearm as a special allegation per Penal Code section 12022.5(d)

