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### Off-Duty CHP Officer Sentenced for Shooting Neighbor in 2017 Case: 2017042577

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced that on February 1, 2023, former California Highway Patrol Officer, Trever Dalton (DOB 09/19/72) of Ventura, was sentenced to one year in the Ventura County Jail and 36 months formal probation for shooting his neighbor in 2017.

Dalton was an off-duty CHP Officer at the time of the shooting on December 4, 2017, the first night of the Thomas Fire. During a dispute with his neighbor, Dalton fired two shots striking Sorin Popescu once, penetrating his liver and lung causing great bodily injury.

On October 17, 2022, Dalton was found guilty of all charges during a court trial, including using a firearm and inflicting great bodily injury. During the sentencing hearing, the prosecutor asked the court to sentence Dalton to nine years in prison.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Richard Simon, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Unit, was the prosecutor assigned to this case.

#### **Defendant Information:**

Trever Dalton (DOB 09/19/72)  
Ventura

#### **Found Guilty:**

- PC 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)

