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PACIFIC GROVE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF AGGRAVATED MAYHEM, CRIMINAL THREATS AND STALKING

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on February 1, 2018 a Monterey County jury found Joseph Gabriel Klotz, age 43, guilty of Aggravated Mayhem, Criminal Threats and two counts of Stalking. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie Culver.

Klotz and Jane Doe 1 dated for approximately six months from May 2013 to November 2013. In December 2013 Klotz's home was burglarized and he believed Jane Doe 1 was responsible. He subsequently began to send her threatening text messages. Klotz tried to hide his identity as the sender of these messages by using an application called Pinger. However, police were eventually able to determine these messages originated from Klotz's home IP address.

On December 14, 2013, he sent her at least eight messages one of which told her "we're going to see you real soon." On December 25, 2013, he sent her at least 56 messages including a message that stated, "on my cuz RIP Ima tear your face up." The threatening messages continued until December 30, 2013 when he sent her the last message stating, "you cant hide from us."

On January 8, 2013 Jane Doe 1 attended a meeting at the Alamo club in Monterey. When she walked out of the meeting an unknown male, not the defendant, called her name. As she turned around to respond to him he grabbed her by the hand and attacked her maiming the left side of her face.

The attack resulted in three parallel lacerations to the left side of her face, as well as a parotid gland laceration, facial laceration, lacerations to multiple facial nerves as well as near amputation to part of her cheek. Witnesses at the scene described that it looked as if her face had been filleted. The injury was described by the plastic surgeon who treated her as horrific. Jane Doe 1 has a lasting scar on her face as well as facial numbness and lack of complete control of her smile.

Despite diligent work by the Monterey Police Department the actual attacker has never been identified. They could identify Klotz's involvement in the attack due to one of the threatening messages he had sent to her being exactly what occurred during the attack.

Jane Doe 2 and Klotz dated on and off from 2012-2014. They reconnected in May 2016. They spoke casually for a few weeks until Jane Doe 2 did not respond quickly enough to a text message from Klotz which enraged him. He began to send her numerous messages and insult her on Facebook. In June 2016 Klotz left two voicemails asking for another chance. He then proceeded to send her an angry message on Facebook insulting her for not responding to him. On July 4, 2016, she saw him following her to a wellness center in Marina. He also called her stating "you're mine don't ever forget it." Later that month Jane Doe 2 received flowers at work from Klotz and was

terrified because she had never told him where she worked and the only way he could have known was by following her. Jane Doe 2 contacted the flower shop and told them not to deliver anymore flowers to her. On August 5, 2016 Jane Doe 2 received flowers at work again with a card identifying the sender as Klotz. Jane Doe 2 called Klotz and told him to leave her alone or she was going to call the police.

On this same day, Klotz began to send her threatening text messages via Pinger. He told her to die, that they are enemies and that he's never in his life hated someone as much as he hated her. He further told her, "You will pay for what you did, we're just going to toy with you for a little while before we hit you." Jane Doe 2 reported the threats and stalking to Marina Police Department and the Defendant was apprehended on August 9, 2016.

Klotz will be sentenced by Judge Julie Culver on March 27, 2018. He faces 11 years 4 months to life in prison.

This case was investigated by Detective Welch and the Monterey Police Department, Detective Minnig and the Marina Police Department and District Attorney Investigator Peter Austen.

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