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RESULTS FOR JURY TRIALS PROSECUTED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2019

~ WEIGHTED JURY TRIAL CONVICTION RATE: 71% ~

<u>Trial Date</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Prosecutor</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Verdict</u>
01/07/2019	Dustin A. Golyers	Geddes	F Vandalism > \$400	Guilty
01/07/2019	Eric M. Patino	Oakley	F Reckless Evading	Guilty
01/07/2019	Georgie E. Britton-Hoaglin	Pearl	F Residential Burglary	Mistrial ¹
01/22/2019	Michael R. France	Eyster	F Felon w/ Firearm	Mistrial ²
02/04/2019	Rhanda R, Medrano	Geddes	M Unlawful Fire	Guilty ³
02/04/2019	Michael E. Blahut	Oakley	F Unlawful Tear Gas Use	Guilty
02/05/2019	John J. Parker	Stoen	F Prison Contraband	Not Guilty
02/11/2019	Hugo Alvarez Pena	Guest	M Domestic Battery	Not Guilty
02/19/2019	Diontae S. Wright Christopher D. Bradford	Eyster	F Home Invasion Robbery F Home Invasion Robbery	Guilty Guilty
02/19/2019	Anthony J. Billy	Porter	M DUI	Guilty
02/25/2019	Crystal M.R. Lockhart	Guest	F Criminal Threats	Guilty

¹ On January 15, 2019, the defendant admitted criminal responsibility by entering a no contest plea to a felony violation of Penal Code § 32, being an accessory to a felony, to wit, burglary. This result is now counted and weighed as a draw.

² A mistrial was declared on January 24, 2019 after the jury announced it would be unable to reach a unanimous verdict. After the mistrial was declared, the jury foreman informed the trial court that the jury was split 11 for guilty to 1. The case was then set for a retrial. On June 10, 2019, the defendant entered a guilty plea to the same felony charge on the morning that jury selection was to begin for the retrial. Accordingly, this result is now counted and weighed as a win.

³ This defendant was charged going into trial with felony arson of property and felony vandalism of property valued at greater than \$400. The jury acquitted the defendant of the two felonies, but instead found her guilty of the lesser crime of misdemeanor unlawful setting of a fire. While a conviction, this trial is nevertheless counted and weighed as a loss.

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02/25/2019	Jose E. Roman Alvarez	Porter	M Suspended CDL	Guilty ⁴
04/02/2019	Susan M. Miller	Eyster	F Accessory to Felony	Guilty
04/08/2019	Tadeo Munoz Aparicio	Guest	M Concealed Firearm	Guilty
04/15/2019	Margarito Fuentes Ruiz	Weems	M DUI	Guilty
05/08/2019	Ricky F. Santos	Stoen	M Hit and Run Driving	Guilty ⁵
05/15/2019	Van Allen Hubbard	Weems	M DUI – Alcohol/Drugs	Guilty
06/03/2019	Edward B. Steele, Jr.	Porter	F Receiving Stolen Prop.	Mistrial ⁶
06/03/2019	Daniel T. Ferrell	Weems	M DUI – Marijuana	Not Guilty
06/10/2019	Violet M. McAlister	Pearl	F Grand Theft > \$950	Guilty
06/10/2019	Deborah L. Cloud	Porter	M DUI	Guilty
07/08/2019	Steven M. Beers	Pearl	M Suspended CDL	Guilty
07/08/2019	Christopher T. Mangrum	Porter	F ADW (Wooden Stick)	Guilty
07/15/2019	Richard A. Cauckwell, Jr.	Eyster	F Unlawful Fire	Mistrial ⁷
07/15/2019	Kenneth L. Dockins	Diener	M Domestic Battery	Not Guilty
07/22/2019	Zachary M. Barajas	Trigg	F (1) Rape of Minor F (2) Rape of Minor	Guilty Mistrial ⁸

⁴ The verdict returned by the jury was comparable to the plea bargain offered the defendant had he forgone a trial. Accordingly, this result is counted and weighed as a draw.

⁵ Two verdicts were returned by the jury – one was guilty of hit-and-run driving, and the other was not guilty of reckless driving. Accordingly, this outcome is counted and weighed as a draw.

⁶ The defendant failed to appear for his motions in limine court date, the required appearance on Thursday afternoon before the following Monday morning trial. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest on July 2, 2019 which makes this defendant, as of July 13, 2019, a continuing fugitive from justice.

⁷ A mistrial was declared on July 17, 2019 after the jury announced it would be unable to reach a unanimous verdict. After the mistrial was declared, the jury foreperson informed the trial court that the jury was split 11 for guilty to 1. After the jurors had departed the courtroom, the defendant changed his not guilty plea to the single felony charge to guilty. Accordingly, this result is now counted and weighed as a win.

⁸ The July jury could not come to a verdict on the second felony count. The DA has decided to retry that felony count before a new jury. The next trial date is February 10, 2020.

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07/22/2019	Joseph B. Gates	Guzman	F ADW (Knife)	Not Guilty
09/23/2019	David B. Nielsen	Trigg	M Domestic Battery	Not Guilty
09/30/2019	Michael J. Saner	Norman	F Murder – 1 st Degree	Guilty
11/12/2019	Ruben S. Rosas	Guest	M DUI	Guilty
11/18/2019	James R. Nix	Trigg	F Assault w/ Firearm	Guilty
11/19/2019	Pablo V. Gonzalez	Norman	F Assault w/ Firearm	Not Guilty
11/20/2019	Cole R. Ickes	Weems	M Domestic Battery	Mistrial ⁹
12/10/2019	Bryn Harris	Diener	M DUI	Not Guilty
12/16/2019	Paul J. Rivera	Oakley	M Methamphetamine	Guilty
12/16/2019	Anthony R. McCoy	Guest	M Battery	Guilty

⁹ Despite facing a serious long-term jury trial backlog, the Ten Mile branch of the Mendocino County Superior Court nevertheless failed to summon enough individuals for jury duty so as to allow the jury selection process to be completed and the trial to begin. Starting with only 29 potential jurors, when there were only 11 possible jurors left and the defense refused to stipulate to a jury of less than 12, the court declared a mistrial. This being the defendant's first trial of three was rescheduled for December 10, 2019. However, the defendant failed to appear for his December 10th trial. A fugitive warrant has been issued for his arrest.