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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Tracy Allen Bull
Swim Coach Pleads Mid-trial

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Tracy Allen Bull changed his plea on day four of his jury trial. Bull pled guilty to annoying and molesting Jane Doe 1, a 14-year-old child, and no contest to annoying and molesting Jane Doe 2, a 17-year-old child.

Bull had been the head coach for the Ceres Dolphins recreational swim team for approximately twelve years when criminal charges were first brought forward in 2016. The Ceres Dolphins is a non-profit organization for swimmers ages 5 to 18 years old.

In June of 2016, Jane Doe 1, age 14, had been on the swim team for approximately two months when Bull began sending her a series of messages over Facebook. He told Jane Doe 1 she was his "favorite" and confided to her that he had experienced a sexual dream about her that she could not tell anyone about. Bull nicknamed her "Chesty" based on her larger breast size. Jane Doe 1 and her family reported this to Ceres police.

During the course of their investigation, police discovered text messages that Bull also sent to 17-year-old Jane Doe 2, another swimmer on the Dolphins team. In those messages, Bull told Jane Doe 2 that he loved her and that he was jealous of a teenage boy who he knew liked her. Bull told Jane Doe 2 that he was born 30 years too early that he was rich, would treat her well, and thought she was "sexy." Other former swim team members came forward and told police about similar experiences, comments and conduct by Bull.

Deputy District Attorney Ahnna Reicks was prosecuting this case before a Stanislaus County jury and was prepared to call six additional witnesses this week when Bull decided to plead to all the charges.

Bull remains free from custody pending his sentencing hearing which is scheduled for January 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Bull faces a maximum of two years in local jail and will have to register as a sex offender.

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