

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DAWES COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA,)	Case No. CR 22-XX
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
Vs.)	TRIAL JOURNAL
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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX,)	
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Defendant.)	

On May 15, 2023, this matter came on for jury trial. Defendant was present with his counsel, Mallory Hughes and Eric Hagen. The State was represented by Assistant Attorney General, Douglas L. Warner. The Honorable Travis P. O’Gorman presided.

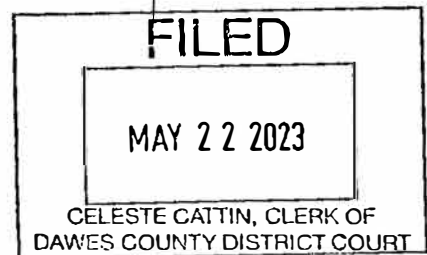
A jury panel was selected and sworn. A jury of twelve and one alternate was selected and sworn. The jurors were read preliminary instructions. Opening statements were made.

The State presented its case in chief. Evidence continued until the State reseted on May 17, 2023. The Defendant moved for a directed verdict on May 17, which was denied.

Defendant presented evidence and rested on May 18, 2023.

An instruction conference was held. Counsel presented closing arguments and the jury was instructed on the law. The alternate juror was excused.

The instructions and exhibits were given to the bailiff who delivered them to the jury. Deliberations began at approximately 1:03 p.m., on May 18, 2023.



Shortly before 5:00 p.m. on May 18, the jury advised the Court that they were deadlocked. The jury was brought into the courtroom with the parties and counsel present. The foreman advised the Court that he did not believe that the jury was "hopelessly" deadlocked. The jury was returned to the jury room to continue deliberations.

At approximately 6:18 p.m., on May 18, 2023, the jury advised that a verdict had been reached. The jury returned to the courtroom and advised that a verdict had been reached. The presiding juror handed the verdict form to the bailiff, which was given to the judge, examined and read.

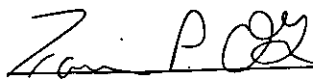
The jury found the Defendant NOT GUILTY.

The jury indicated by raised hands that the verdict was unanimous.

The verdict was accepted and the Defendant found NOT GUILTY. The Information is dismissed. Costs are taxed to the State.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT:



District Court Judge



Cc: Mallory Hughes
Eric Hagen
Douglas L. Warner