

JOURNAL ENTRY ON
CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORRILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE V. [REDACTED]

Case ID: CR20 [REDACTED]

On the 9thth day of August, 2021 this matter came on for trial. The State appeared by [REDACTED] and the defendant appeared with Mallory Hughes and John Berry. The Honorable [REDACTED] presiding.

A panel is assembled and sworn. A jury of 12 and 1 alternate is selected and sworn. The jury is admonished and a recess is

taken to travel to the Morrill County courthouse. The Court read the preliminary jury instructions and counsel gave opening statements. The State presented evidence and rested. The jury was admonished and recessed until August 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Outside the presence of the jury, Defendant made an oral motion for directed verdict, the motion was denied.

August 10, 2021, The State appeared by [REDACTED] and the defendant appeared with Mallory Hughes and John Berry. The Honorable [REDACTED] presiding. The Defendant presented evidence and testified. The State presented no rebuttal evidence. The jurors were admonished and recessed for lunch. A jury instruction conference was conducted on the record. Counsel gave closing arguments, and the Court charged the jury, and the alternate juror was excused. The case was submitted to the jury on August 10, 2021 at 1:39 p.m.

At 4:29 P.M. on that same date the jurors returned to open court in the presence of counsel and the defendant. The jurors announced a verdict had been reached. The Court inspected the Verdict Form and the verdict was

published. The jury found the defendant NOT GUILTY of Count I; NOT GUILTY on Count II and NOT GUILTY on Count III. All twelve jurors acknowledged this to be his or her verdict by a show of hands. Further polling of the jurors was waived. The verdict was accepted by the Court and judgment was entered accordingly. The Court excused the jury.

DATED August 16, 2021

