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JURY FINDS MILROY MAN GUILTY OF BURGLARY IN THE SECOND DEGREE

A Redwood County District Court jury found a Milroy man guilty of Burglary in the Second Degree, County Attorney Jenna Peterson announced Friday.

The jury deliberated for less than an hour late Wednesday afternoon before delivering the guilty verdict around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Robert Jamar Casey, 31, was found guilty for the burglary of the Farmer's Cooperative Association of Milroy that occurred on January 22, 2018.

According to the criminal complaint and testimony at trial, the burglary occurred in the middle of the night on January 22nd. The defendant used a tool in an attempt to pry open various locked doors and windows of the Farmer's Co-Op causing damage to those doors and windows. He eventually kicked in a door to gain entry. He then entered the building, rummaged through desk drawers taking approximately \$30.00 in quarters and other random items belonging to the Co-Op including beer, a cooler, and flashlights.

After executing a search warrant on Casey's residence, the Redwood County Sheriff's Office located the \$30.00 dollars in stolen quarters. At that time, the defendant was apprehended by the Sheriff's Office.

"There is a right way, and a wrong way," Assistant Redwood County Attorney Rudolph Dambeck told the jury in his closing argument Wednesday afternoon. "The defendant tried to do things the right way when he applied for a job at the Co-Op, but when that didn't work, he chose to break in and take whatever he could find."

Casey will be sentenced June 4th at the Redwood County Courthouse.