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JURY FINDS MILROY MAN GUILTY OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE

A Redwood County District Court jury found a Milroy man guilty of three counts of Assault in the Second Degree and one count of intentional discharge of a firearm, County Attorney Jenna Peterson announced Friday.

The jury deliberated for approximately three hours Thursday afternoon, January 17, 2019, before delivering the guilty verdict around 4:30 p.m.

Zachariah Steven Marczak, 36, was found guilty for the assault of three separate victims that occurred on December 29, 2017 in rural Milory.

According to the criminal complaint, evidence and testimony presented at trial, the assault occurred at Marczak's residence. Marczak's ex-girlfriend and two other individuals arrived at his residence to retrieve property belonging to one of the victims. Marczak, angered by their presence, took out his gun and fired several rounds at the three victims as they attempted to collect the victim's property. After executing a search warrant at Marczak's property, officers located multiple firearms and numerous spent gun shell casings.

"Defendant's act of shooting at the victims is not legally acceptable, morally acceptable, is not responsible gun ownership, and not the purpose of the second amendment," Assistant Redwood County Attorney Joe Sanow, who tried the case, told the jury in his closing arguments Thursday morning.

Marczak will be sentenced January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Redwood County Courthouse.