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JURY FINDS MORTON WOMAN GUILTY OF POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

A Redwood County District Court jury found Penny Lane Arredondo, 50, guilty of two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, one count of Introducing Contraband into Jail, one count of Driving After Cancellation as an Inimical to Public Safety, and one count of Obstructing Legal Process, County Attorney Jenna Peterson announced Monday. The jury deliberated for approximately an hour on Thursday, March 31st, before delivering the guilty verdicts around 7:00 p.m.

According to the criminal complaint, testimony and evidence presented at trial, the Redwood County Sheriff's Office observed Arredondo driving westbound on CSAH 24 near Nobles Avenue within the County of Redwood around 7:15 p.m. on April 22, 2021. The deputy was aware Arredondo's drivers' license was cancelled as an inimical to public safety. The deputy initiated a traffic stop and confirmed Arredondo was driving and that her license was still cancelled. When Arredondo was informed she would be placed under arrest she became upset, argumentative with officers on scene, and physically resisted officer's attempts to place her in handcuffs. Both responding officers' received minor injuries as a result of the altercation with Arredondo. Officers were eventually able to handcuff Arredondo and transport her to the Redwood County Jail. During a search of her person at the Jail, officers located two Lorazepam pills and two Methylphenidate Hydrochloride pills, both of which are controlled substances. The four pills were located in a prescription pill bottle for Alprazolam.

Tom Borgen, Assistant Redwood County Attorney, who prosecuted the case, told the jury in his closing argument, "The squad videos corroborated the officer's testimony and refuted Defendant's version of events."

Arredondo will be sentenced May 9th at the Redwood County Courthouse.