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JURY FINDS REDWOOD FALLS MAN GUILTY OF THREATS OF VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC ASSAULT

A Redwood County District Court jury found Wayne Elmer Scharmer, 57, of Redwood Falls guilty of one count of felony Threats of Violence and one count of gross misdemeanor Domestic Assault, County Attorney Jenna Peterson announced Friday. The jury deliberated for approximately 15 minutes on Thursday, May 19th, before delivering the guilty verdicts around 5:00 p.m.

According to the criminal complaint, testimony and evidence presented at trial, on September 2, 2021, the Redwood Falls Police Department was called to a residence located within the City of Redwood Falls. Upon arrival at the residence, officers made contact with Victim who stated she and Scharmer, who is her live-in boyfriend, were having an argument when Scharmer kicked her in the knee and threatened to kill her while she was seated in a chair in the living room. Victim stated she was afraid of Scharmer and in fear for her safety due to his threats and his assaultive behavior.

Shannon Ness, Assistant Redwood County Attorney, who prosecuted the case, told the jury in her closing argument, “everyone deserves to feel safe in their home. Defendant threatened Victim’s life, harassed her, called her terrible names, accused her of infidelity, and kicked her in her own home.”

Scharmer will be sentenced July 11th at the Redwood County Courthouse.