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## PRESS RELEASE

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### JURY FINDS LUCAN MAN GUILTY OF VIOLATING A DOMESTIC ABUSE NO CONTACT ORDER

A Redwood County District Court jury found David Eugene Richardson, Jr., 53, of Lucan, guilty of one count of felony Violating a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order and one count of misdemeanor Tampering with a Witness in the Third Degree, County Attorney Jenna Peterson announced Thursday.

The jury deliberated for approximately one hour on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, before delivering the guilty verdicts around 3:45 p.m.

According to the criminal complaint, testimony and evidence presented at trial, on January 13, 2021, Richardson, Jr. was personally served a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order. That Court Order prohibited Richardson, Jr. from having contact, direct or indirect, with the Protected Person. On February 7, 2021, Richardson, Jr. called the Protected Person from the Redwood County Jail where he was being held on Tampering with a Witness in the First Degree and Threats of Violence charges. During the recorded phone conversation, Richardson, Jr. discusses his upcoming trial with the Protected Person, who was also the victim in the Tampering with a Witness in the First Degree and Threats of Violence case. Richardson Jr., tells the Protected Person multiple times during the recorded phone conversation that if she does not show up for the trial to testify against him, he will be “released”, but “if anyone shows up to testify against me, I sit 44 months.”

Shannon Ness, Assistant Redwood County Attorney, who prosecuted the case, told the jury in her closing argument, “You heard a lot of information throughout this trial, but this case boils down to one day – February 7, 2021. On that date, Richardson, Jr. made a phone call to Protected Person and sent her text messages. On that date, he was housed in the Redwood County Jail. On that date, he knew there was a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order prohibiting him from having contact with Protected Person. On that date, Richardson, Jr. attempted to dissuade the Protected Person from testifying in his upcoming trial. It is that simple.”

Richardson, Jr. will be sentenced August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Redwood County Courthouse.