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JURY FINDS REDWOOD FALLS MAN GUILTY OF POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

A Redwood County District Court jury found Jordan Trevor Coulson, 33, of Redwood Falls, guilty of the Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree and Possession of a Hypodermic Syringes, County Attorney Jenna Peterson announced Thursday.

The jury deliberated for approximately 20 minutes on September 7, 2023, before delivering the guilty verdict around 5:00 p.m.

According to the criminal complaint, evidence, and testimony at trial, on July 4, 2019, at approximately 12:19 a.m., Coulson was pulled over by law enforcement after they observed him driving a vehicle they were aware did not belong to him. When officers made contact with Coulson, who was seated in the driver's seat and the sole occupant of the vehicle, they observed signs of controlled substance use including constriction of his pupils. Officers learned Coulson's driver's license was expired, that he drove the vehicle on a daily basis, and that he still had not transferred title on the vehicle as he been told to do by officers previously. Officers asked for permission to search the vehicle. During the search they located hypodermic needles, multiple containers and cotton balls with methamphetamine residue, a butane torch, and a pop can with methamphetamine residue and a cotton ball stuck to the can. Coulson admitted the pop can contained methamphetamine residue and that it was his. He stated he mixes water with the methamphetamine and sucks the liquid up with the syringes to inject it. A later forensic analysis completed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension confirmed the substance located was methamphetamine.

Assistant County Attorney Shannon Ness, who prosecuted the case, told the jury in her closing argument, "The State promised you a simple and straight forward case. You watched the whole incident unfold before your eyes on squad camera. You watched officers pull a hypodermic syringe and needle out of Defendant's front left pants pocket. You watched as officers located methamphetamine in the van Defendant was driving."

Coulson will be sentenced on October 16th, 2023, at the Redwood County Courthouse.