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## PRESS RELEASE

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### REDWOOD FALLS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A PREDATORY OFFENDER

REDWOOD FALLS, MN --- A Redwood County jury found Chad Alan Blood Milhausen, Jr., 29, of Redwood Falls guilty of one count of Failure to Register as a Predatory Offender. The jury deliberated for approximately two hours on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, before delivering the guilty verdict around 2:30 p.m.

According to the criminal complaint, evidence discovered during the investigation, and testimony provided at trial, Milhausen is required to register as a predatory offender pursuant to Minnesota statute after being convicted in 2016 of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Third Degree. On July 6, 2022, officers of the Redwood Falls Police Department conducted a compliance check at Milhausen's residence to verify Milhausen was in compliance with his duty to register as a predatory offender. When officers arrived at Milhausen's residence, located within the City of Redwood Falls, they observed a blue 1997 Chevy Silverado truck parked in his driveway. Officers contacted the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's Predatory Offender Unit ("BCA") to verify the 1997 Chevy Silverado was properly reported by Milhausen as a vehicle he regularly used, which is information required to be provided as a part of his duty to register.

BCA informed officers Milhausen currently did not have a 1997 Chevy Silverado on his registry. Additional evidence gathered by law enforcement including four separate contacts officers had with Milhausen in the vehicle between the dates of May 18, 2022 and July 4, 2022 proved Milhausen had been regularly driving the unregistered vehicle.

Shannon Ness, Assistant Redwood County Attorney, who prosecuted the case, told the jury in her closing argument, "Failing to fulfill a duty to register as a predatory offender is not the same as failing to include an ingredient in a batch of cookies. The primary purpose of the registration

requirements are to insure law enforcement can immediately locate a person who is required to register to keep the community safe.”

Milhausen will be sentenced on January 22, 2024, at the Redwood County Courthouse.

The BCA manages and maintains predatory offender database and makes certain information available to the public through the Minnesota Predatory Offender Registration and Tracking Program. The Predatory Offender Registry public website includes information on non-compliant registered predatory offenders. The website can be accessed at <https://por.state.mn.us/>