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FRANKLIN MAN FOUND GUILTY OF THREATS OF VIOLENCE AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

REDWOOD FALLS, MN --- A Redwood County jury found Jesse Lamont Jackson guilty of Threats of Violence and Disorderly Conduct. The jury deliberated for approximately two and a half hours on April 18, 2024, before delivering the guilty verdicts around 4:15 p.m.

According to the criminal complaint and evidence presented at trial, on December 7, 2022, law enforcement received a 911 call reporting Jackson threatened to kill and beat up two individuals at a business within the County of Redwood. Jackson was previously fired from his role as a contract truck driver for the business after the business determined he was an unreliable driver. At the time he was fired, Jackson had an outstanding mechanic bill with the business. The amount owed on the bill was taken out of Jackson's last paycheck. Jackson became irate after receiving the check. Jackson yell and swore at the Victims and told them he was going to "pop" them and their family. Jackson screamed he was going to "come back for them" and that he was going to "beat them up". Surveillance video from the business showed Jackson following one of the Victims around the business while yelling and threatening him. The Victims testified they were frightened and concerned for their safety by Jackson's behavior and threats.

Shannon Ness, Assistant Redwood County Attorney, who prosecuted the case, told the jury in her closing argument, "This case comes down to Jackson being unable to accept accountability for his actions and behaving completely unacceptable by threatening the victims. An excuse is not reasonable doubt. At no time is the judge going to tell you or give you an instruction that will say 'if you find the Defendant has a valid excuse to be angry, you must find him not guilty.' It is understandable Jackson was upset. But it does not mean he didn't commit a crime."

Jackson will be sentenced on June 17, 2024, at the Redwood County Courthouse.