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OHIO MAN FOUND GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT

NEW ULM, MN --- A Brown County jury found Scott Lasch, 57, guilty of one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Fourth Degree and one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Fifth Degree. The jury deliberated for approximately one and a half hours on August 11, 2025, before delivering the guilty verdicts.

Shannon Ness, Redwood County Attorney, who prosecuted the case as a special Brown County Attorney, told the jury in her closing argument, "No one should be sexually harassed or sexually assaulted at work. Work can be hard enough without having to worry about being pressured or forced into sexual acts. That is exactly what Defendant did in this case. He used his position of authority to harass and sexually assault Victim at her place of work. She had only been on the job for only four days. She didn't even know his last name."

Lasch will be sentenced on October 28, 2025, at the Brown County Courthouse.