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TYLER MAN FOUND GUILTY OF BURGLARY, TRESPASS, AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

REDWOOD FALLS, MN --- A Redwood County jury found Reed Byron Dressen, of Tyler guilty of Burglary in the Second Degree, Burglary in the Fourth Degree, Trespass, and Criminal Damage to Property. The jury deliberated for approximately an hour and 45 minutes on March 19, 2026, before delivering the guilty verdicts around 5:00 p.m.

According to body worn camera footage, trail camera images, physical evidence, photographs and testimony provided at trial, on December 24, 2024, Dressen and another individual drove by a farm site near the City of Tracy in a red Ford truck at 2:45 p.m. The same truck was captured on trail camera footage driving by a second time at 5:24 p.m. At 5:33 p.m., law enforcement received notification that an alarm had been activated inside the barn located on the farm site. The alarm had been placed in the barn by the Redwood County Sheriff's Office on a prior date due to multiple burglaries and thefts on the property. Local law enforcement and Redwood County Sheriff's deputies arrived and searched the barn, which had a broken window. Deputies also searched the property – locating fresh boot tracks in the snow. K9 Hos picked up human scent and tracked Dressen south of the property to an approach where Dressen's track ended and truck tire tracks began.

While K9 Hos and Deputy Kaiser were tracking Dressen, Deputy Reynolds was conducting follow-up investigation at the farm site. Deputy Reynolds retrieved trail camera footage which captured Dressen in the yard of the farm site at 5:40 p.m. Deputy Reynolds also retrieved a stick from inside the barn Dressen used to break the window. The property owner confirmed the stick was not inside the barn previously, nor was the window previously broken.

At approximately 7:50 p.m., a concerned citizen reported an individual walking on the side of highway 14, walking west toward Tracy. Sargent Clancy responded and spoke with the individual, positively identified as Dressen. Deputy Reynolds also arrived and immediately

confirmed Dressen was the same individual captured on trail camera footage from the farm site as Dressen was wearing the exact same clothing items as the individual captured on the trail camera. Boot tracks located on the farm site, through the field going south from the farm site, and on the approach near the truck tire marks matched the boots worn by Dressen.

Dressen will be sentenced on April 27, 2026, at the Redwood County Courthouse.