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ERIC JAMES REINBOLD FOUND GUILTY OF SECOND-DEGREE MURDER

Pennington County Attorney Seamus P. Duffy today announced that Eric James Reinbold, 46, has unanimously been found guilty by a Pennington County jury of twelve (12) persons of one count of Murder in the Second Degree – Intentional Murder and one count of Murder in the Second Degree While Committing Second Degree Assault. These convictions stem from the early morning hours of July 9, 2021 when Reinbold left his camper located on his rural property outside of Oklee, Minnesota and proceeded to his residence where he stabbed his wife, Lissette Reinbold, twenty-seven (27) times when she was leaving for work that morning.

In a secondary phase of the trial, the Pennington County jury heard arguments from the State of Minnesota and Defense regarding the presence of aggravating factors. The jury found that yes, Eric Reinbold stabbed Lissette Reinbold multiple times and left her and one of her children found her. The finding of aggravating factors will be utilized by the State of Minnesota as recommendations to the Court to sentence Reinbold to the maximum sentence allowed under the laws of the State of Minnesota. Reinbold's sentencing hearing is set for a date and time to be determined by the Court.

The Pennington County Attorney's Office extends its sympathies to the family and relatives of Lissette Reinbold over the course of the investigation and throughout this process. The Pennington County Attorney's Office would like to thank the jurors for their time and attention to this important matter. The Pennington County Attorney's Office would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance and cooperation during the investigation and trial of this case: the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, the Thief River Falls Police Department, the Oklee Ambulance, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office, the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the Polk County Victim Services Office, the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, the U.S. Marshall's Service, and U.S. Probation Office. Without the efforts of these agencies, a complete investigation and jury trial of this case would not be possible.