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Jury Finds Defendant David Remley Guilty of Aggravated Kidnapping and Domestic Violence

ST. GEORGE, UT – On October 29, 2025, following a three-day jury trial, Defendant David Remley was found guilty of three counts of Child Kidnapping and one count of Aggravated Kidnapping, all first-degree felonies. He was also found guilty of Unauthorized Possession of a Vehicle and Assault, third-degree felonies, and three counts of Domestic Violence in the Presence of a Child, class-B misdemeanors.

The charges stemmed from an incident that happened in August 2024 during which Remley assaulted his then-girlfriend in front of her three young children and subsequently forced them to flee the state to evade law enforcement. Remley and his four victims were stopped by police near Winnemucca, Nevada where Remley was arrested.

“Law enforcement coordination across state lines and agencies was crucial for the successful apprehension of Mr. Remley,” Washington County Attorney Jerry Jaeger said. “We appreciate the swift actions of our local police, Nevada police, and federal authorities – especially the Violent Fugitive Apprehension Task Force – that helped locate the defendant and protect his victims from further harm.”

The Washington County Attorney’s Office has spent weeks intensely preparing for this trial which included testimony from St. George police personnel as well as Nevada police officers, a domestic violence expert, and the primary victim herself. Specifically, we are grateful for the many hours that prosecutors Grace Deist and Zac Weiland spent on this case.

“Our domestic violence cases, and this case is no exception, hinge on victim cooperation and testimony in the courtroom,” Grace Deist, lead prosecutor on the case stated. “We know it was hard, but we are grateful the victims were willing to be brave, work with us, and see this trial through to conviction. We are also very grateful for the service of the jury.”

A pre-sentence investigation report is being prepared, and a sentencing hearing is scheduled for December 11, 2025.

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