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RESULTS FOR JURY TRIALS PROSECUTED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024

~ WEIGHTED JURY VERDICT CONVICTION RATE: 94% ~

<u>Trial Date</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Prosecutor</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Verdict(s)</u>
01/09/2024	Wesley T. Zynda	Hopps	M DUI > .08	Mistrial ¹
01/16/2024	Kiya N. Hodge	Eyster	M DUI - Drugs	Guilty
01/22/2024	Alysia J. Griffin	Caffery	M DVRO	Guilty
01/29/2024	Arnold A. Kruger	Hopps	M Domestic Battery	Guilty
02/05/2024	Wesley T. Zynda	Hopps	M DUI > .08	Guilty
02/13/2024	Robert S. Hrbac	Trigg	F Child Molestation	Guilty
02/13/2024	Scott A. Brown	Kelsey	F Domestic Violence	Guilty
02/20/2024	Nikolai Sprinkling	Eyster	M DUI > .08	Guilty
02/26/2024	Jane Barisione	Eyster	M Vehicular Mansl.	Guilty
03/04/2024	Daniel I. Arancibia	Hopps	M DUI > .08	Guilty
03/25/2024	Nicholas Tow	Eyster	M DUI – Drugs	Mistrial ²
03/25/2024	Rufino Lopez Vasquez	Kelsey	F Rape of Child	Guilty

¹ The defendant was found not guilty of driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. The jury, however, was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on whether the defendant drove a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol .08 or greater. Thus, a mistrial was declared. Ultimately, the defendant was found guilty at a retrial that ended on February 7, 2024. Pursuant to protocol, the original trial is not counted in light of the subsequent guilty verdict, which is counted as a continuation verdict.

² The March 2024 jury could not agree on a unanimous verdict so a mistrial was declared by the trial judge. Thereafter, defendant Tow's case was rescheduled for a retrial to commence on August 5, 2024 in front of a new jury. However, instead of moving forward with his August retrial, defendant Tow elected to resolve the entirety of his case. He has now been convicted of -- and is on court probation -- for 12 months for misdemeanor transportation of cannabis for sale, a misdemeanor alcohol-related reckless driving ("wet reckless") and misdemeanor driving without a valid driver's license. Accordingly, the resolution of this trial case is weighed as a **win** for purposes of office trial statistics.

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05/06/2024	Antonio Lopez	Pearl	F Vehicle Theft	Guilty
05/13/2024	Aaron V. Mathewson	Hopps	M DUI	Guilty
05/20/2024	Melissa H. Derenia	Hopps	M DUI/Gun	Guilty
05/22/2024	Devin L. Johnson	Larson	F Hopkins Fire Arson	Mistrial³
06/10/2024	Matthew V. Clark	Hopps	M DUI	Not Guilty
06/11/2024	Michael J. Chapman	Kelsey	F Stalking	Guilty
06/17/2024	John Hill	Eyster	M Annoying Child x 3	Guilty
07/08/2024	Tomas Y. Pool	Kelsey	F Lewd Acts on Children	Guilty
07/08/2024	Clayton J. Sternick	Hopps	M DUI - Drugs	Mistrial⁴
07/10/2024	Brandon L. McClintic	Moutrie	F Assault By Force Likely	Guilty
07/15/2024	Sophia F. Gonzales	Hopps	M DUI – Cannabis	Not Guilty
07/24/2024	Devin L. Johnson	Eyster	F Hopkins Fire Arson	Guilty
08/12/2024	Curtis D. Bettencourt	Eyster	F Assault By Force Likely	Guilty
09/09/2024	Michael E. Blahut	Oakley	F Vandalism > \$400	Guilty
09/16/2024	Ruben Herrera Hernandez	Hopps	M DUI > .08	Guilty
09/23/2024	Justin L. Hietala	Eyster	F Carjacking	Guilty
09/23/2024	Lindsay A. Nielsen	Moutrie	M DUI w/ Priors	Guilty
10/07/2024	Timothy S. McIlvain	Eyster	M Sexual Battery	Guilty
10/14/2024	Thomas A. Thorson	Drlik	M Restrained Order Viol.	Guilty
10/21/2024	Kimanie A. McKoy	Eyster	M Unlawful Marijuana	Guilty

³ The May 2024 Marin County jury could not agree on a unanimous verdict so a mistrial was declared by the trial judge. Thereafter, defendant Johnson's case was rescheduled for a new trial to commence on July 24th in front of a new Marin County jury with a new prosecutor at the helm. Ultimately, the defendant was found guilty at the retrial. Pursuant to protocol, the original trial is not counted in light of the subsequent retrial guilty verdict, which is characterized as a continuation verdict.

⁴ The jury could not agree on unanimous verdicts so a mistrial was declared by the trial judge. Thereafter, defendant Sternick's case was re-calendared for a new trial to be heard by a new jury, jury selection to commence November 12, 2024.

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10/21/2024	Jesus A. Herrera	Pearl	F Vandalism >\$400 x 3	Guilty
10/23/2024	Bruce J. Gallyot	Kelsey	M DUI	Guilty
11/04/2024	Jose R. Pacheco, Jr.	Drlik	M DUI	Guilty
11/12/2024	Clayton J. Sternick	Oakley	M DUI (retrial)	Guilty
11/12/2024	Jaimie Tinajero	Drlik	M Suspended CDL	Guilty
12/09/2024	Aldar S. Fragoso	Pearl	F Vandalism > \$400 x 2	Guilty
12/10/2024	Jeffery L. Hockett	Kelsey	F Child Pornography	Pending