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### MORTON MAN FOUND GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT

REDWOOD FALLS, MN --- On December 17, 2024, a Redwood County jury found Nathan Wabasha, 46, guilty of seven counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree and one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Fourth Degree.

Shannon Ness, Redwood County Attorney, who prosecuted the case, told the jury in her closing argument, "It is more common than not for a child victim of sexual assault to delay reporting. One major deciding factor is if the child had a supportive care-giver who believed them. In this case, Victim told her mom and her uncle that Wabasha was hurting her. They did nothing. She had no supportive care-giver. She had a mother who was preoccupied with drug use and gambling and a father who was routinely raping her. Victim had no one. Not a single person in her corner. No wonder she didn't come forward sooner."

Wabasha was sentenced on April 7, 2025, at the Redwood County Courthouse. He was sentenced to serve the maximum sentence under law; 201 months at the department of corrections for multiple acts of criminal sexual conduct.

Thanks to the Redwood County Sheriff's Office stepping in and completing a thorough investigation of this case, justice was served. Their dedication to child victims of criminal sexual conduct makes Redwood County a safer place.