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## **JURY CONVICTS SHAWN GREY OF BURGLARY AND POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY**

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announces that today, following three days of testimony and two days of deliberations, a Dutchess County jury convicted 50-year-old Shawn Grey, of Pleasant Valley, of the crime of Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, “This conviction reflects the strength of the evidence and the careful attention of the jury. The defendant unlawfully entered a residential building, caused damage, and stole property, conduct that undermines the safety and security of our community. Thanks to the swift actions of vigilant citizens, the thorough investigation by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, and the forensic evidence presented at trial, justice has been served.”

The jury determined that on September 20, 2024, in the Town of Poughkeepsie, the defendant unlawfully entered the Orchard Lane Apartments, located at 51 Watson Road, without permission or authority. While inside, the defendant damaged a storage unit and stole property belonging to another individual. At trial, Joseph Chorba, a Vassar College Security Officer, testified that the building is designated faculty and employee housing and that the defendant had no permission or authority to enter or remain on the premises. Members of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, including Detectives Drobot and Carrol, along with Officer Snyder, provided testimony regarding the investigation and apprehension of the defendant. The jury also heard from civilian witnesses, who intervened and stopped the crime in progress, and who observed the defendant shortly before he entered the building. Additionally, a forensic scientist testified that DNA recovered from the scene matched the defendant.

The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department handled the investigation. The case was prosecuted by Unit Chief David Kunca and Senior Assistant District Attorney Dan O’Hare. The trial was conducted in Dutchess County Court before the Honorable Karen Edelman-Reyes, who has scheduled sentencing for June 23, 2026. Under our law, the defendant faces a maximum prison sentence of 25 years to Life on the Burglary count as a Persistent Violent Felony offender.

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