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Nicholas Rossi Convicted of Rape

Late yesterday afternoon, September 24, 2025, a Utah County jury convicted Nicholas Rossi of one count of rape, a first-degree felony, following a week-long trial. Prosecutors Stephen Jones, David Brown, and McKay Lewis worked tirelessly for more than five years to hold Rossi accountable and secure justice for his victim, who reported the rape seventeen years ago. Rossi's flight to Scotland, and his attempt to fake his own death to escape prosecution, created significant delays in getting this case to trial.

"This conviction is important for every woman who has been raped or sexually assaulted and has doubted whether her case can be prosecuted. Those cases certainly can," said Stephen Jones, lead prosecutor on the case. "Juries can and will convict based on a victim's report," Jones continued. "Every case is different. There is never a guarantee of conviction, and these types of cases are some of the most difficult to prosecute. But it is possible to get convictions in these cases."

"Rossi's convictions in both this case, and the Salt Lake County case that was tried earlier this year, are due in large measure to the strength and resolve that the victims in both cases demonstrated," added Jones. "Those victims are amazing."

This is a significant victory for the victim in this case, all of Nicholas Rossi's various victims, and all of Utah County.