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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Re: State v. Carl Brent Worthington  
State v. Raylene Marie Worthington

We understand the jury is the backbone of Oregon's criminal justice system. We accept the verdict in this case. The jury's decision is final. However, we are saddened and disappointed by this result. We continue to believe that the facts are clear in this case and that it is our duty as an office to enforce the law firmly and consistently, particularly when it comes to protecting our children. Our office will continue to aggressively enforce the laws that require parents to protect their children regardless of their religious faith.

There is another case currently set for trial in Clackamas County. In light of our responsibilities to protect everyone's right to a fair trial, we will not make any further comments.

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