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Denver Jury Finds Man Guilty of Retaliation Against Colorado's Secretary of State

DENVER—A Denver jury on Wednesday, after deliberating for approximately three hours, found Kirk Wertz guilty of one count of retaliation against an elected official (F6) for placing a threatening phone call to the Colorado Secretary of State. Wertz was 52-years-old at the time of the incident. He will be sentenced by the Honorable Judge Darryl Shockley on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in Denver District Court courtroom 5C.

On June 30, 2022, Wertz placed a threatening phone call to the Secretary of State's Office that was sent to the Colorado State Patrol Executive Security Unit for review. After conducting an investigation, Wertz was arrested on July 6, 2022, and admitted to placing the call. He was then taken into custody without incident.

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