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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Bwe Mu Nar (DOB: 1/1/1980)** was found guilty of Aggravated Domestic Battery and not guilty of Attempt First Degree murder following a two-day jury trial before the Honorable Judge Jennifer Clifford.

Late in the evening on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Rockford Police responded to Swedish American Hospital after an adult female arrived to the emergency room with severe swelling and bruising around her head and face, suffering from seizures. Her eyes were nearly swollen shut and she had concentrated bruising around her mouth. Medical providers uncovered more bruising across her body as well, including two distinctive circular impressions on the front of either shoulder. The attending physician in the ER acted quickly and ordered imaging of the woman, who was then diagnosed with multiple life-threatening brain bleeds. She was intubated, placed in a medically induced coma, and airlifted to Madison, Wisconsin, for emergency surgery that saved her life.

The woman arrived at the hospital that night with her 17-year-old daughter. The night prior, on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, that daughter and her 9-year-old little brother went to sleep in their family's apartment on South 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Rockford, listening to the sounds of their father yelling and abusing their mother in their bedroom across the hall. When the children woke up the next day, they each noticed the early onset of their mother's injuries and a troubling decline in her cognitive abilities. After their father left for work, they contacted their older adult brother and transported her to safety at his apartment elsewhere in Rockford. Throughout that day, all three children took turns monitoring their mom's worsening condition and worked together to ensure her safety and wellbeing. Before the accumulating effects of her brain bleeds took hold, the woman informed her children in their native language that their father had abused her overnight. She told them he "squeezed her face."

At trial, all three children bravely testified in their father's presence in court to the traumatic fact of his abuse of their mother, her near fatal injuries, and the heroic actions they took to protect her from further harm. The attending physician who treated the victim in the emergency room testified with precision to the full extent of her injuries, and his decisive actions



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to save her life. The jury also received evidence of the determined investigation conducted by Rockford Police detectives which included working through a difficult language barrier to uncover what truly happened to the victim. The jury learned the defendant had previously abused his victim on a prior occasion, but their daughter intervened to protect her from him then as well. As a result of this most recent attack, the victim has permanent injuries which prevented her from recalling anything that happened to her in February of 2023.

During the trial, the courageous testimony of all three children proved to their father that their love for their mother was even greater than their very real fear of him.

Aggravated Domestic Battery is a Class 2 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of either a term of probation or 3-7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by four years of mandatory supervised release.

Nar is scheduled to be back in court on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in front of Judge Clifford in Courtroom C of the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Alex Ronning and Peyton Young are handling the prosecution.

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