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Defense Statement on Jury Verdict & Vow to Appeal

Scranton, PA – Stephen J. Carroll was convicted today, after a 4 day long jury trial, before Hon. Michael J. Barrasse, in the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County, PA, of 29 of the original 46 counts he was charged with. Carroll was charged, via Criminal Information, back on February 11, 2026, with 46 counts. Through pre-trial practice, the Defense was successful in getting 14 counts either dismissed or withdrawn, prior to trial. Carroll then faced 32 counts, via an Amended Criminal Information of April 27, 2026, as he began trial. The Defense successfully got the only Count of *Official Oppression*, Count No. 32 of the Amended Criminal Information, dismissed on a Motion to Dismiss/Demurrer, at the close of the Commonwealth's case-in-chief, leaving 31 counts to go to the jury for deliberations. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as to 29 counts and not guilty on 2 counts, after deliberating for approximately 2 ½ hours.

Shrive Law's Managing Attorney, Jason A. Shrive, who was Lead Counsel for Carroll, said "We are obviously disappointed in the jury's verdict, but we respect it and our system of justice. We put on the best defense case we could for our client. Stephen Carroll maintains his innocence and vows to appeal his conviction. We will be analyzing all avenues and issues for appeal in the coming weeks." Shrive commended the Defense Team, including Shrive Law Associate Attorney, who was Second Chair/Co-Counsel for Carroll, Jillian Kochis; Office Manager, Mary-Jo Sterling; Discovery Coordinator/Law Clerk, Daniel J. Flynn, Law Clerk, Riah J. Hogan; and Legal Assistant, Erika Solano, for their tireless work on behalf of Carroll, over the course of this case, but especially in the months and weeks leading up to trial.

"Carroll suffered a medical emergency as the jury's verdict was being read and is being treated by medical professionals, at this time", Shrive said.

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