

**WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S REACTION
TO WIDMER'S FILING**

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Late this morning, the Defense filed a Motion for Acquittal in State v. Widmer. Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell provides the following comments in reaction to the motion.

“The legal standard to acquit a criminal defendant who has been found guilty after a trial by jury is extremely high,” said Fornshell. “The Court must construe the evidence in a light most favorable to the prosecution and determine if reasonable minds could have reached the same decision. If so, the decision of the jury must stand.”

“The Defense bears the burden to convince the Court that reasonable minds could not have reached the same decision as the jury in this case,” said Fornshell. “Our office is reviewing the motion and preparing a response. Based upon what I have seen so far, our office is confident the Defense cannot meet the high legal standard required for the Court to set aside the guilty verdict and acquit Ryan Widmer,” Fornshell added.



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