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DEWEY MAN CONVICTED OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON “NO KINGS” PROTESTOR

On July 17, 2026, a Yavapai County Jury found Phillip Thomas Delaney, 65, of Dewey, Arizona, guilty of Aggravated Assault, Assault, and Disorderly Conduct.

On July 4, 2025, a “No Kings” protest was held on Highway 69 near Centre Ct. in Prescott Valley, Arizona. Delaney approached the protest and called 911 to report the protesters had “affixed” signs to a metal railing. Witnesses reported Delaney then began approaching various protestors and attempting to engage with them, but Delaney was ignored. Delaney then approached a 66-year-old woman, leaned in close to her face, and began yelling at her. The woman raised a small protest sign in front of her face, which bumped the brim of Delaney’s hat because he was so close to her. Delaney then punched the woman and shoved her back, causing the woman to fall back and hit her head on the metal railing. The woman lost consciousness and suffered a significant concussion. The woman’s 74-year-old husband jumped in to protect her, and Delaney punched the husband as well, causing a laceration to his head. Other protestors were able to separate Delaney and Delaney walked away to his car.

The jury found Delaney guilty of Aggravated Assault, a class 4 felony, for the assault on the woman. Delaney was also found guilty of Assault, a class 1 misdemeanor, for assaulting her husband, and was found guilty of Disorderly Conduct, a class 1 misdemeanor, for disturbing the peace of other unnamed people. The Court found proven multiple aggravating factors, including that Delaney acted out of malice towards the victim because of the victim’s political affiliation.

Dennis M. McGrane, Yavapai County Attorney, stated “While I disagree with their message, I will always defend their right to speak it. In America, we answer speech we dislike with more speech – not with fists, threats, or violence. Friday’s guilty verdict makes clear that political violence has no place in our community, regardless of who the victim is or what cause they support. My office will continue to enforce the law impartially and protect every person’s constitutional right to peacefully express their views.”

Sentencing is scheduled for August 24, 2026, at 11:30 am before the Honorable Krista Carman of the Yavapai County Superior Court. Delaney could be placed on probation or is facing up to 3.75 years in the Arizona State Prison for the Aggravated Assault count. The Assault and Disorderly Conduct charges are also eligible for probation and could carry up to six months of jail time.

Photo attached: Phillip Thomas Delaney



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