IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR LINN COUNTY

DON STATON,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	No. LACV105388
	)	
v.	)	
	)	ORDER ACCEPTING VERDICT
DANNY ELSBURY,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

This matter proceeded to jury trial on October 13, 2026. The Plaintiff appeared with Attorney Peter Leehey. The Defendant appeared with Attorney Chad Vonkampen.

On October 13, 2026, the Plaintiff made an opening statement, and the Defendant made an opening statement. Evidence was presented by the Plaintiff on October 13, 2026, to October 14, 2026. At the conclusion of Plaintiff's evidence, Defendant moved for a motion of directed verdict. Upon hearing the statements of counsel the motion for directed verdict is denied.

The Defendant presented evidence on October 15, 2026. At the conclusion of Defendant's evidence, Defendant renewed their motion of directed verdict. Upon hearing the statements of counsel the motion for directed verdict is denied. Exhibits were received as shown by the record. On October 15, 2026, the Court presented counsel with proposed Instructions and Verdict Form, which were reviewed by Plaintiff and Defendant. A record was made concerning objections to the instructions. Counsel then presented final arguments to the jury. The jury instructions, including the Statement of the Case and the Verdict Forms, were read to the jury. The case was submitted to the jury for deliberation on October 16, 2026, at approximately 9:54 a.m.

The jury returned their sealed verdict on October 16, 2026, at approximately 12:30 p.m. The Court has reviewed the verdict and finds it to be in proper form. The Clerk is directed to enter the same of record.

The jury answered the Verdict Form, as follows:

Question No. 1: Was Danny Elsbury at fault?

Answer "yes" or "no".

ANSWER**: Yes.**

[If your answer is "no", do not answer any further questions.]

Question No. 2: Was the fault of Danny Elsbury a cause of any item of damage to Don Staton?

Answer "yes" or "no".

ANSWER**: No.**

[If your answer is "no", do not answer any further questions.]

IT IS ORDERED that judgment is entered in favor of Defendant Danny Elsbury and against Plaintiff Don Staton.

Costs of this action are assessed to Plaintiff Don Staton.

Clerk to notify.

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So Ordered

Chad A. Kepros

Chad Kepros, District Court Judge,
Sixth Judicial District of Iowa

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