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McNerney acquitted

A 41-year-old Weidman man was acquitted Thursday by an Isabella County Circuit Court jury of larceny charges, his attorney said.

Daniel O'Neil, attorney for Michael McNerney, said the jury took just one hour to find his client not guilty of larceny in a building and entry without breaking charges in the one-day trial.

Mr. McNerney was alleged to have unlawfully entered Central Steel and Fabrication Oct. 1 to steal a contract, Mr. O'Neil said.

Visiting Judge Arney Mustonen of Montcalm County presided over the case, which was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Mark Duthie. Mr. Duthie had no comment about the verdict.

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Shepherd man acquitted

A Shepherd man was acquitted Wednesday on a stolen property charge by a jury in Isabella County 21st Circuit Court.

Marvin L. Shourd, 36, was found not guilty after a two-day trial and four hours of jury deliberations. He was accused of stealing a winch and cable in September or October, 1985, from Robert Bailor in Union Township, court records show.

Mr. Shourd was defended by Attorney Daniel O'Neil of Mt. Pleasant.