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Jury clears man of burglary, weapons possession charges after Fruit Belt incident

Eric Brudecki, 43, was convicted of a misdemeanor after facing three felony charges for an October 2025 incident on Grape Street.

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An Erie County Court jury on Tuesday acquitted a man of burglary and weapons charges that stemmed from an incident last year in Buffalo’s Fruit Belt neighborhood, but didn’t let him skate completely.

The jury convicted Eric Brudecki, 43, of misdemeanor trespassing after about four hours of deliberations. He had been indicted on charges of first- and second-degree burglary, as well as third-degree criminal possession of a weapon.

Brudecki was charged following an incident on Oct. 6, 2025, on the 200 block of Grape Street. His trial began Nov. 4.

He is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 8.

Second-degree trespassing is known as a lesser-included offense, which a jury considers after acquitting a defendant of a more serious charge.

Brudecki was represented by defense attorneys Tom Heubusch and Eric Soehnlein, who argued the case before County Judge Kenneth Case.

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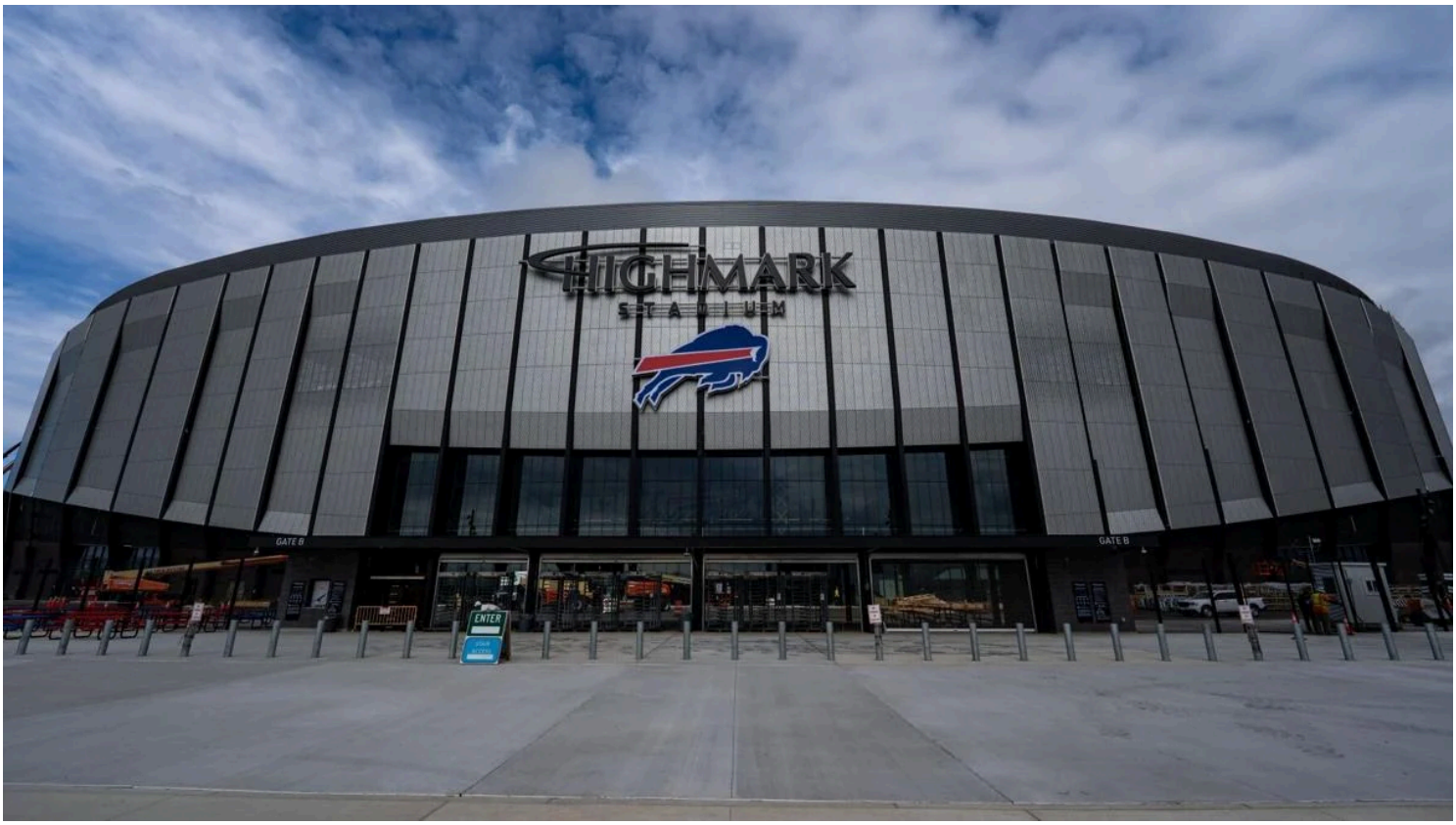


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