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Violent UC Davis Bookstore Burglar Convicted

(Woodland, CA) – August 11, 2009 – Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on Monday a Yolo County jury convicted Jaime Fernando De Vizcarra, 21, of San Francisco, of Burglary and Assault and Battery after De Vizcarra and an accomplice attempted to escape after burglarizing the U.C. Davis Bookstore.

According to witnesses and video surveillance, on December 9, 2008, Mr. De Vizcarra and his accomplice went to the bookstore and worked as a team to conceal a number of bookstore items, they then attempted to leave. When Security Supervisor, Edim Kurtovic contacted De Vizcarra, he fled, leaving his accomplice behind, but he then ran up from behind to attack Kurtovic. Kurtovic tried to block the attack of the De Vizcarra but, in a moment where Kurtovic was distracted, the larger De Vizcarra landed a punch that broke Kurtovic's jaw literally in two. Despite Kurtovic's severe injury, the 37 year-old veteran fended off additional punches and held a struggling and swinging De Vizcarra for several minutes until bystanders assisted.

The Yolo County jury deliberated for one day before returning their verdict. "The victim in this case acted courageously in subduing this violent thief." commented the prosecuting attorney, Ryan J. Couzens.

De Vizcarra will be sentenced on September 8, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Department 6.

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