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West Sacramento Man Convicted of Fighting Police Officers

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on October 29, 2009 a Yolo County jury convicted Anthony Gino Roman, age 43, on one felony count of resisting a police officer in the performance of his duties by use of force or violence.

West Sacramento police officers were dispatched to a residence in West Sacramento on April 24, 2009. According to the caller, Roman had been behaving erratically and residents were afraid. Upon entering the residence, officers encountered Roman and ordered him to put his hands in the air. Roman refused to comply and turned his back to the officers and reached into his pockets. Roman ignored the officers' commands to show his hands and threw an object onto the ground. One of the residents yelled that Roman had a knife. When the officers attempted to take him into custody, Roman became violent. After officers arrested him, they found a folding pocket knife in his pocket.

Roman is currently on probation for a being convicted of a similar charge in 2004 and has a history of being violent with the police. In that case, he was under the influence of methamphetamine and fought West Sacramento officers using brass knuckles.

Deputy District Attorney Jim Walker who prosecuted the case stated, "It's a scary situation when officers are responding to a call for help and they come face-to-face with a fighting, violent man. West Sacramento officers should be commended for handling the situation without anybody getting seriously hurt."

The Honorable Thomas Warriner will sentence Roman on Dec 1, 2009 at 8:30am. He faces up to three years and eight months in state prison.

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