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Jury Stands up for Officer Injured in the Line of Duty

(Woodland, CA) – District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on December 7, 2009 a jury returned a verdict of guilty on two felony counts of resisting an officer.

On April 13, 2009 Davis Police were called to a residence on Olive Drive because Tracy Justin Cooke, 28 of Davis, was kicking in his neighbor's door. Officer Jacy Miller and Officer Roxanne Owens responded to find the neighbor's door broken in and Mr. Cooke still banging on it. Mr. Cooke, who was intoxicated, immediately engaged the officers with aggressive movements and abusive language. When officers attempted to arrest Mr. Cooke for his drunk and disorderly conduct, he violently resisted. During the ensuing struggle with officers, Mr. Cooke severely injured one of the arresting officer's hands. It is still unknown at this time whether the injured officer will ever fully recover from her injuries.

Deputy District Attorney Deanna Hays who prosecuted this case stated, "The jury showed that it was willing to stand up for the officers in our community, just as they stand up every day for us."

Mr. Cooke faces a maximum sentence of 3 years 8 months in prison. He is set to be sentenced in front of the Honorable Judge Kathleen White on January 25, 2010

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