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Ceres Man Convicted of Burglarizing Davis Home

(Woodland, CA) – September 10, 2010 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on September 9, 2010, a Yolo County Jury found 31-year-old Ceres man, Ronald Fink, guilty of the sole count of First Degree Burglary, with an enhancement that the homeowner was present during the burglary. The case arose from a June 4, 2010, incident where Fink entered the home of a Davis resident and attempted to steal a bicycle.

The victim was working from home when he heard some noise coming from downstairs. When he went downstairs, Fink was riding out of the homeowner's attached garage on a bicycle owned by the homeowner's son. After a short argument about the bicycle, Fink rolled the bike toward the homeowner and began to walk away. The homeowner called the Davis Police Department, and shortly thereafter, officers arrived. The homeowner identified Fink as the person who entered his garage.

Fink initially denied having gone into the garage. At the jury trial, Fink testified that he believed that since the door was open, it was a garage sale and then admitted entering the garage.

Deputy District Attorney Clinton Parish prosecuted the case. "There is a reason our legislature has determined this type of crime is a felony," stated Parish. "Entering someone's home while they are present creates a high potential for danger. The victim in this case was brave in confronting Mr. Fink, but he was also lucky that Mr. Fink did not escalate the situation with violence, as is often the case."

The Honorable Steven Mock presided over the trial. Judge Mock spoke to the jury after the verdict. He told them that although a prison sentence of up to six years was possible, it was likely that Mr. Fink would receive a grant of probation if he does not violate any condition of his current release or violate any new laws. The sentencing is scheduled to take place on November 12, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 3, before Judge Mock.

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