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Jury Convicts San Jose Man in Davis Sexual Assault Case

(Woodland, CA) – April 26, 2011- District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on April 25, 2011 a jury convicted 26-year-old Hoang Cong Nguyen, of San Jose, of Assault with the Intent to Commit Rape of a UC Davis Student. Nguyen had dated the victim's older sister for several years prior to the assault. In the fall of 2009, the victim's sister and the victim moved to Davis to attend classes at UC Davis. After Nguyen and the older sister ended their relationship in the fall of 2009, they still remained friends. Nguyen developed an infatuation with the 18-year-old younger sister of his ex-girlfriend.

On May 6, 2010 Nguyen drove to Davis to visit the older sister. Nguyen purchased a 200K volt stun in San Francisco on his way to Davis. He had done research on this weapon prior to his trip. He stayed the night at the Davis apartment. The following day, while alone with the victim, he snuck up behind her while she was doing her home work and attempted to incapacitate her by shooting her with the stun gun numerous times. The victim fought back by grabbing a kitchen knife that had been left on a nearby table. After stabbing Nguyen three times in the leg, Nguyen continued the assault. Finally, the exhausted victim pretended to "pass out" hoping the attack would stop. While lying on the floor, the victim saw that Nguyen was removing his clothing. She then made one final successful effort to escape the apartment as Nguyen resumed his assault after realizing that the victim was still conscious. The victim went to the apartment manager's office where the Davis Police were called. Medical personnel treated the victim that day for electrical burns and abrasions over her entire upper body. She also received treatment for an incision made by the stun gun on her chest area.

The jury convicted Nguyen of Assault with the intent to commit rape while committing burglary, residential burglary, attempted rape, false imprisonment, and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon. The jury also found that Nguyen personally used a deadly weapon and that he caused great bodily injury.

Deputy District Attorney Deanna Hays prosecuted the case. She praised the victim stating, "The viciousness and callousness of this attack on the victim are undeniable. It

will leave lasting affects on her. But it is a true tribute to her strength and the strength of those that support her that she is planning a return to college this coming fall to continue her education.” Hays continued, “While it is appropriate to say she is a victim of this crime, her lasting mark is really that of a hero.”

District Attorney Jeff Reisig commended the efforts of law enforcement. “Davis Police Department officers and investigators developed a very solid case as a result of their hard work. Also, the support of our victim advocate was also critical to the successful outcome of this case.” Reisig concluded, “This was clearly a team effort.”

Nguyen faces life in prison and will be sentenced by Honorable Timothy L. Fall on June 22, 2011.

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