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Jury Convicts Man of Robbery and Pepper Spraying Good Samaritans

(Woodland, CA) – February 6, 2013 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on February 4, 2013, a Yolo County jury found 29 year-old Thomas Jones IV guilty of robbing an elderly woman in a West Sacramento parking lot and using a can of mace on three bystanders who attempted to intervene.

In the afternoon of October 27, 2012, the elderly, disabled victim went to the Little Ceasars Pizza near the corner of West Capital Avenue and Jefferson. Jones rode his bicycle up to the victim from behind and took her purse out of her grasp. The commotion and the victim's screams for help brought three employees out of a nearby business who then chased Jones as he tried to escape with the purse. The employees chased Jones across West Capital Avenue and cornered him in a loading dock. When the employees attempted to detain Jones, he used a large can of mace to spray them. Jones escaped again, but was found minutes later in an empty parking lot with the victim's purse.

The jury convicted Jones after a day of deliberation. "Thomas Jones chose his victim because she was vulnerable," commented Ryan Couzens. District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the efforts of the good Samaritans: "The courage these three men showed was extraordinary. They went above and beyond."

Jones is scheduled to be sentenced on March 15, 2013 at 9:00 am by the Honorable Janet Gaard in Department 7 of the Yolo County Superior Court.

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