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**Woodland Man Convicted of Robbery and Assault with a Firearm  
Lopez robbed two separate stores in Woodland and Sacramento.**

**(Woodland, CA)** – July 19, 2013 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on July 19, 2013, a Yolo County jury found 34-year-old Woodland man Joey Alfredo Lopez guilty of robbery while personally using a firearm, assault with a firearm, felon in possession of firearm, and burglary.

On June 20, 2012, the owner of the Cigarette Stop in Woodland was speaking with an acquaintance inside the store when Lopez abruptly entered the store, pointed a shotgun at both victims, racked the shotgun and then demanded money. After ordering one of the victims to the ground, Lopez forced the store owner to hand over the contents of the cash register. Before leaving, Lopez grabbed several shirts from a display on the wall. Lopez attempted to conceal his face from cameras by wearing a Raiders hat and hiding his arm tattoos by wearing a long sleeved shirt. However, he wore distinctive shorts and one of the victims was able to see Lopez's calf tattoo.

Less than a day later, and only 20 miles away, Lopez went to the River City Bank in Natomas wearing the same hat and the same shirt. There, Lopez passed a note to the teller and made off with over \$1,000 in cash. The Sacramento Police Department developed leads that tracked Lopez to a Sacramento residence on Florin Mall Drive. There, officers located a shirt identical to one stolen from the Cigarette Stop and a shotgun matching the one used in the robbery. Lopez was wearing shorts identical to those captured by the Cigarette Stop surveillance.

Deputy District Attorney Sulaiman Tokhi prosecuted the case. "Lopez brazenly put a shotgun in the faces of two innocent citizens, robbing one who was just trying to run his business," said Tokhi. "But for the excellent work of members of the Woodland and Sacramento police departments, Lopez might have gotten away with it."

Lopez will be sentenced on August 16, 2013 by the Honorable Paul Richardson who presided over the trial. Judge Richardson also found true that Lopez had been previously convicted of a prior strike for robbery. Lopez faces 31 years in state prison.

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