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Neo-Nazi Convicted of Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Woodland, CA – March 14, 2008 - A Yolo County jury convicted Michael Rose, 28, of multiple gang related felony offenses stemming from the April 4, 2005 attack of a 26 year old man in his apartment on "J" Street in Davis. Rose was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, burglary in the first degree, two counts of false imprisonment, and two counts of exhibiting a deadly weapon. The jury found that all of the crimes were committed for the benefit of or in association with a criminal street gang, neo-Nazi Skinheads

More than 10 years ago, the victim wore a "Dead Kennedy's" t-shirt displaying a crossed out swastika. In retaliation, Michael Rose and Christopher Vochatzer, both neo-Nazi skinheads, went to his apartment armed with a metal pipe and a baseball bat. Rose used the metal pipe to prevent two of the victim's friends from stopping the attack while Vochatzer beat the victim with the baseball bat. Rose was on the run from law enforcement for nearly two years and was finally arrested in Butte, Montana on February 15, 2007.

According to prosecuting attorney Michelle Serafin, "Rose faces in excess of 31 years in prison for his crimes. Clearly justice was served by the jury's verdicts."

Rose will be sentenced by Judge Kathy White at a future court date.

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