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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People v Adam Craig Vasconcellos

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Adam Craig Vasconcellos, 26, of Turlock, was convicted by a jury on July 19, 2011 of misdemeanor charges of Battery on a Peace Officer, Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct. Deputy District Attorney Francisco Alvarez prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 20, 2010, after midnight, Vasconcellos was observed stumbling down Main Street in Turlock. He was stopped and found to be under the influence of alcohol and unable to care for himself. He was arrested and secured into the back of a police car for transport to the Stanislaus County Jail. While en route, Vasconcellos unbuckled his seat belt and began kicking the windows and interior of the police car. When the lead officer opened the back door of the car, Vasconcellos attacked the officer by grabbing him by the throat. Vasconcellos was pepper-sprayed and wrestled to the ground until he finally stopped struggling.

Upon receiving the verdicts, Judge Thomas Zeff placed Vasconcellos on 36 months of probation and sentenced him to 90 days in county jail, with 88 days suspended, and 20 hours of community service.

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