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Re: *People v. Mick Vito Rubalcava* 1213950

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Mick Vito Rubalcava, age 23, of Modesto, was convicted today after pleading guilty to all charges in the Complaint: bringing a loaded firearm on to school grounds, a felony, and misdemeanor charges of concealing a firearm on his person and carrying a loaded firearm in a public place. Deputy District Attorney Michael D. Houston appeared at the hearing for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on August 4, 2006 in the city of Modesto at the California Beauty School located at 1115 15th St. Rubalcava brought a loaded handgun in his backpack to class and when he when he put his backpack down in a crowded classroom, the gun went off and struck Michelle Dalrymple, age 17, of Modesto in the back, paralyzing her for life.

Rubalcava will be back in court for a sentencing hearing on December 18, 2006. Deputy District Attorney Houston advised Judge Donald Shaver he anticipated a lengthy sentencing hearing with numerous family members, including Michelle, giving a Victim Impact Statement. Rubalcava could be sentenced to up to four (4) years in state prison.

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