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West Sacramento Man Convicted of Robbery
Roberto Montalvo posed as a police officer and robbed victims

(Woodland, CA) – August 19, 2014- District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on Friday, August 15, 2014, a Yolo County jury convicted 53-year-old Roberto Montalvo, of West Sacramento, of four felonies and three misdemeanors arising from a pair of robberies in which Montalvo posed as a police officer in order to rob his victims.

During the trial witnesses testified that on two separate occasions during the summer of 2012, Montalvo’s girlfriend, Alicia Ortega, engaged the victims by offering acts of prostitution. Montalvo would then arrive and flash a badge and represent himself as a police officer. Montalvo and Ortega would then take the victims’ money. Ortega pled prior to trial to one count of robbery in exchange for a ten year state prison sentence.

The jury took approximately three hours to convict Montalvo of Robbery in the First Degree, Robbery in the Second Degree, Burglary in the First Degree, Possession of Crack Cocaine, two counts of Impersonating a Police Officer, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Montalvo was also found to have prior convictions for Aggravated Kidnapping and Aggravated Robbery from the State of Illinois.

Deputy District Attorney Jay Linden prosecuted the case and praised the jury’s verdicts. “Criminals who pose as police officers when they commit violent crimes cause emotional and physical damage to their victims and also violate the trust citizens have in those who protect them. This jury sent a strong message that this type of criminal conduct will not be tolerated,” said Linden.

Yolo County Superior Court Judge David Reed is scheduled to sentence Montalvo on September 17, 2104 at 9:00 a.m. Montalvo is facing a maximum of 81 years to life in state prison.

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