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Samuel Nault Found Guilty of Robbery, Assault and Discharge of a Firearm

District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell announced today that Samuel Aaron Nault was convicted yesterday by a jury of robbery with personal discharge of a firearm and assault with intent to commit great bodily injury.

The crime occurred on January 12, 2013 at 2:00 am in the Santa Cruz city parking lot behind the Motiv bar. Samuel Nault, with two other co-defendants, went to the parking lot with the intent to rob someone they knew. When they found him they pushed him into the cab of their truck. Mr. Nault then pulled out his gun and pistol whipped the victim several times in the head all the while demanding his property. The victim feared for his life. When he got the chance, he ran away from Nault. In anger, the defendant then fired a single shot towards the victim in the crowded parking lot. The bullet lodged into a wall of a local business.

Samuel Nault was a known associate of a group of individuals who called themselves the “D-team” and was a local rapper. In this case, Nault faces 22 to 26 years in prison. He will be sentenced by a judge in the coming months. “This was a complex case for the jury, and I am grateful for their hard work in finding the truth,” said Assistant District Attorney Steven Moore, who prosecuted the case. Moore thanked Santa Cruz Police Department for their hard work and cooperation, specifically Detectives Daniel Forbus and Paul DeOcampo.