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Christopher Charles Thyne Convicted of Attempted Murder

District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell announced today that Christopher Charles Thyne was convicted of attempted murder. The charge stems from an incident on October 25, 2015 where the defendant stabbed a man outside a Watsonville pharmacy at approximately 2 AM. The defendant approached the victim inside the pharmacy and asked him to step outside. Once outside, the defendant stabbed the victim at least six times, including four times in the man's chest. The victim suffered a punctured lung, but has since recovered.

The victim and another civilian witness were uncooperative with the investigation, refusing to provide any information concerning the motive for the stabbing. Despite this, the jury found Thyne guilty of attempted murder, infliction of great bodily injury and the personal use of a deadly weapon.

Charlie Baum, who prosecuted the case, praised the investigative work done by the officers of the Watsonville Police Department. "It's always difficult when the victim and witnesses are uncooperative, but the officers involved in this case did a thorough job in working through the other evidence available and were able to make the case," he said. "The verdict was a result of their hard work and persistence." District Attorney Rosell was pleased with the verdict, and said, "The lengthy period of incarceration Mr. Thyne now faces will help ensure the safety of our community. His violence has no place on our streets." Thyne will be sentenced on May 31, 2016 in Santa Cruz Superior Court.