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Camden County jury convicts Aguiar of four counts of robbery and one count of armed criminal action

CAMDENTON, Missouri (November 17, 2010) – A Camden County jury of nine women and three men deliberated for just under two-and-a-half hours this afternoon before finding Carlos Aguiar guilty of four counts of robbery in the first degree and one count of armed criminal action.

Cole County Circuit Judge Patricia S. Joyce presided over the three-day trial, which was moved to Camden County from Jefferson City on a change of venue motion. The charges stemmed from a string of robberies of businesses along Missouri Blvd. in Jefferson City from May-June 2009. The jury convicted on all four robbery counts and the armed criminal action count that were charged.

Aguiar had previously pleaded not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

“I am very pleased with the work of the Jefferson City Police Department and that we were able to secure justice for the employees of the businesses who were victimized and for the people of Cole County,” said Cole County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anji Gandhi, who tried the case. “The jury listened to the evidence closely and agreed with us that he not only committed these robberies, but that he also did not have a mental disease or defect at the time of the robberies that would have excused his actions under the law.”

Sentencing will take place in Cole County on December 22. Aguiar will remain in custody.