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**JURORS CONVICT MAN OF 50 COUNTS
IN SIX-MONTH COUNTYWIDE CRIME SPREE**

RIVERSIDE – After five full days of deliberating, a Riverside County jury today, Sept. 14, 2017, convicted an Indio man of 50 counts including robbery, burglary, false imprisonment, and carjacking.

Sergio Nicolas Lopez, DOB: 12-21-79, is scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 17, 2017, in Dept. 44 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside. He faces about 50 years in prison.

Lopez was tried on 58 counts in this case. Jurors convicted him of 50 counts, acquitted him on five counts and hung on three others. The three counts resulting in a hung jury – two robbery counts and one burglary count – were dismissed by the DA's Office.

The crimes Lopez was charged with happened on 18 different dates over about a six-month period from November 2010 to May 2011. They happened at a variety of businesses across Riverside County in Perris, Hemet, Riverside, Beaumont, and cities in the Coachella Valley. The locations included businesses such as a clothing store, a beauty supply store, shoe stores, hair salons, sandwich shops, and ice cream stores.

The monetary losses at the various businesses ranged from a couple hundred dollars to about \$1,500.

During the five-week trial before Superior Court Judge Bernard Schwartz, the DA's Office called 77 witnesses to testify.

The case, SWF1300090, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Tim Cross.

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