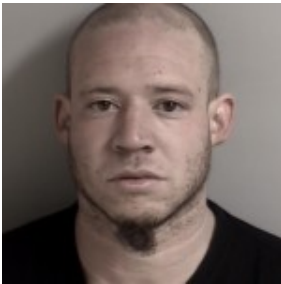


Bay Area man convicted of robbery in SLT

A jury this week convicted a Bay Area man in the armed robbery of people outside the CVS drug store in the Bijou Center in South Lake Tahoe.



Adam Sanford

Adam James Sanford, 32, of Hayward was convicted of two counts of robbery, two counts of attempted robbery, four counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm, as well as special allegations for use and discharge of a firearm and use of a deadly weapon in the commission of a robbery.

Officers started looking for Sanford after two South Lake Tahoe men called about 7:10pm Nov. 13 to say one of their wallets had been stolen by a man brandishing a gun and long-bladed knife. They were near the CVS. Then there was a report about the same time of the suspect firing at least one round after robbing two Tahoe basin residents at the rear of the Tahoe Beach Retreat Hotel. Officers nabbed Sanford after they saw him walk across Highway 50 to the Safeway parking lot.

At the time he was on probation from Sacramento County for burglary.

Sanford is scheduled to be sentenced April 18 in El Dorado County Superior Court.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*