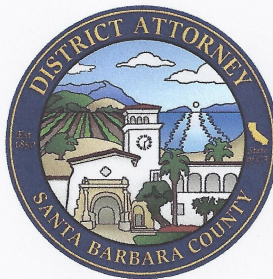


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**FORMER POLICE OFFICER  
FOUND GUILTY OF DESTROYING EVIDENCE  
AND RESISTING A PEACE OFFICER  
NOT GUILTY OF ANNOYING A CHILD OR ELECTRONIC PEEPING**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that a jury returned verdicts in the case against former Santa Barbara Police Officer Brian Sawicki. The jury found the defendant guilty of destroying evidence and resisting a peace officer and not guilty of annoying a child, lewd acts in public, and electronic peeping. The charges stemmed from a complaint to Refugio Beach Park Rangers by two 13-year old girls who had observed Mr. Sawicki naked on the beach. Mr. Sawicki fled when the ranger tried to contact him. Upon contact they found the following items within his backpack: recording binoculars, an Epic Stealth camera, and a Cannon camera. The Cannon had a deleted video showing the defendant's actions on the beach both before and after the girls had encountered him.

In response to this verdict District Attorney Joyce Dudley stated, "We file charges based upon the evidence before us. For each filing our goal is always the same, to seek justice; to do so we rely upon the expertise of our DDAs and the collective wisdom of our hard-working juries."

Sentencing is set for November 15, 2012, in Department 3 of the Santa Maria Division of the Superior Court. The defendant faces up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to one thousand dollars on the destroying evidence charge and up to 1 year in county jail and a fine of up to one thousand dollars on the resisting a peace officer conviction.

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