

## Attempted-murder suspect acquitted of all charges

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A Stockton man originally charged with attempted murder was acquitted by a San Joaquin County jury last week of all charges.

On Thursday, the jury acquitted Rudy Chavez, 40, on charges of attempted murder, mayhem and assault with a deadly weapon on his nephew, Andrew Gamboa, 29.

"He feels exonerated," said Chavez's attorney, Greg Davenport. "Andrew attacked him and Rudy had to defend himself."

Officers responding to a call Dec. 21 found Chavez beating Gamboa, according to initial police reports.

Chavez, Gamboa and Gamboa's older brother had been fishing on the San Joaquin River near

Charter Way when Gamboa initiated a fight, Davenport said.

Prosecutors accused Chavez of stabbing Gamboa, but the jury found he acted in self-defense.

Gamboa underwent surgery at San Joaquin County General Hospital and his arm was amputated because of his injuries.

"It was hard to believe that he got away with what he did," Andrew Gamboa said. "I didn't commit this crime. He did. The whole time, I felt like I was the one on trial."

Gamboa said he may hire an attorney to pursue the case through civil courts.

"That's all I can do," Gamboa said. "I really don't know what else to do."

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