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**Jury Finds Man Guilty of Unlawful Use of Pepper Spray**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Gabriel Rosas (DOB 08/06/85), of San Luis Obispo, was found guilty of a misdemeanor for his use of pepper spray.

On August 3, 2021, Rosas entered a private, industrial business area in Ventura and began filming and livestreaming his actions on YouTube. Multiple business owners asked Rosas to leave; however, he refused. Rosas eventually pepper sprayed one business owner in the face.

On August 22, 2022, the jury found Rosas guilty of using tear gas not in self-defense. Judge Derek Malan sentenced Rosas to 45 days in the Ventura County Jail and 12 months summary probation.

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