

# Three plead not guilty in robberies

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SANTA CRUZ — Two former University of California-Santa Cruz students and a friend pleaded not guilty Friday to charges of robbing a hair salon and a discount store in January.

Emma Freeman, 19, Anthony Cristofani, 24 and Craig Dickson, 24, were scheduled to stand trial Oct. 11 in Santa Cruz County Superior Court.

Freeman, a freshman merit scholar, and Cristofani, a senior and her boyfriend, are charged with robbing the Emerald Iguana hair salon in Capitola on Jan. 16 and the Costco in Santa Cruz five days later.

Dickson, Cristofani's roommate and an elementary school teaching aide, allegedly drove the getaway car.

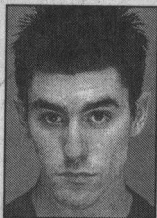
Police said Freeman and Cristofani entered the hair salon, Freeman pulled a .380-caliber Beretta pistol and demanded the cash box. The pair then fled in Dickson's car.

Police allege that on Jan. 22, Freeman and Cristofani stole a boom box and other electronic gear from Costco, with Freeman, pulling a gun on the security guard who tried to stop them.

All three are free on bail. Freeman and Cristofani have not returned to the university.



**Freeman**



**Dickson**



**Cristofani**