

Local man charged with assaulting clerk with wine bottle he was trying to steal

A Jefferson City man was charged Saturday for reportedly assaulting a local store clerk with a wine bottle that he was trying to steal.

Jake D. Casados, 23, was charged with second-degree robbery by the Cole County prosecutor's office.

About 6:54 p.m. Friday, employees of International Winery, 2702 W. Truman Blvd., reported seeing the suspect trying to steal a \$5.99 bottle of wine and a \$54.99 bottle of Crown Royal. After a female employee stood near the door of the business, the suspect reportedly said: "You will want to move away from that door and I won't ask you again."

The suspect then swung the bottle of wine at the employee, striking her in the head and causing a cut that required medical attention.

The suspect tried to run, but bystanders detained him until police arrived. He later reportedly told police that he has a drug habit and was high when he committed the crime.

Casados is being held in the Cole County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

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