
2 found innocent of assaulting 2 US marshals

Edward J. Hasbrouck, 23, convicted draft resister, and Elizabeth Ann Davidson, 27, both of Cambridge, were found innocent Monday night of assault and battery on two US marshals by a US District Court jury.

Hasbrouck and Davidson were arrested by federal marshals January 24 after being physically removed from a courtroom in the McCormack federal court building.

Davidson and two friends were

scheduled to be arraigned on charges lodged when they chained themselves to the doors of the building after Hasbrouck's conviction December 15.

Marshals had ordered those in the courtroom into the corridor to be searched before being allowed back in after a number of stickers reading "Resist the draft, refuse to register, you won't be alone," were found pasted throughout the courtroom.

The marshals charged that Hasbrouck tried to flee the building and

that Davidson threatened to punch an officer and jumped on the back of another. Both denied the charges.

The jury returned the innocent verdicts after about four hours of deliberation following three days of testimony.

Hasbrouck, on probation stemming from his draft-resisting conviction, said yesterday the most recent trial was part of a government attempt to harass him and his friends for encouraging others to resist draft registration.
