



## **UNH student accused in mugging acquitted**

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**NEW HAVEN** – A University of New Haven student was acquitted last week in Superior Court of involvement in a mugging outside Blockbuster Video on Whalley Avenue.

Aaron Thomas, 26, originally from Lake Zurich, Ill., was found innocent of second-degree larceny, conspiracy to commit robbery and larceny and credit card theft. Since his Sept. 29 arrest, he had been held at the New Haven Correctional Center unable to post \$50,000 bail, said attorney Walter Bansley IV.

Thomas was a former wide receiver on the UNH football team. Bansley said his client is nine credits away from a business management degree and would likely resume school.

According to Bansley, Thomas' roommate, Raymond Rivera, 39, was arrested for a purse snatching and told police Thomas was involved.

He said Rivera had a "lengthy" criminal record that Thomas was unaware of. Rivera pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge and remains at the Bridgeport Correctional Center awaiting sentencing.