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Trenton police officer Damon Jefferson was acquitted by a Burlington County Superior Court jury Friday of multiple sexual assault and related charges against a young child.

Jefferson, of Pemberton Township, was indicted earlier this year on three counts of sexual assault, five counts of endangering the welfare of a child and one count of criminal attempt aggravated sexual assault, authorities said.

The alleged crimes occurred between 2003 and 2005 in Pemberton Township and Jefferson surrendered to Burlington County authorities in June 2006 and was suspended from duty. The victim in the case never was identified by the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office.



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Jefferson took the stand at his trial this week and maintained his innocence.

Trenton police spokesman Sgt. Pedro Medina said late Friday that Jefferson will be reinstated to full duty Monday. "We're glad the whole thing is over," Medina said.

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