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Tyrone Wiggins Found Guilty Of Sexual Assault

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In the criminal case involving Tyrone Wiggins, [the former Philadelphia police officer was convicted yesterday for sexually assaulting a woman for more than 8 years](#). The court found that Wiggins was guilty of aggravated indecent assault, statutory sexual assault, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, and corruption of a minor, according to the Philadelphia Daily News.

Common Pleas Judge Sandy L.V. Byrd ordered that Tyrone Wiggins be kept in prison until his sentencing next March. Wiggins is subject to a maximum sentence of 22 ½ to 45 years behind bars. Tyrone Wiggins' [PA criminal defense attorney](#) Scott Sigman believes his client deserved a prison sentence less than the maximum because of his long-standing and successful career with the police force.

The victim, a now 25-year-old Philadelphia cop, testified that she met Tyrone Wiggins, 51, when she was 10. The woman said Wiggins had begun raping her when she was the age of 12, and the sexual assault did not end until she was a young adult. The 25-year-old also claimed Wiggins had been physically beating her throughout the years he had been raping her.

Prosecuting attorney Mark Cipolletti said Wiggins "groomed a girl at a very young age and betrayed her trust. Now, finally, he is being punished for what he did." Wiggins, however, was not found guilty for charges of raping an individual under the age of 13. Cipolletti said the jury may not have been able to determine when the rape started.

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