

Jury finds former officer guilty after using excessive force

2014 Nick Dimauro Excessive Force

A Fulton County judge has sentenced a former Atlanta police officer for using excessive force. The victim says he was attacked for being white in a black neighborhood.

A jury found former officer Nick Dimauro guilty on four of five charges.

He was found not guilty on one count of aggravated battery.

But he was found guilty on another count of aggravated battery, guilty of aggravated assault and guilty of two counts of violation of oath of office.

The judge sentenced Dimauro to 10 years, with five to serve in prison.

Dimauro stopped Robert Wormley in a northwest Atlanta neighborhood at 2:30 a.m. four years ago.

Wormley said Dimauro then beat him with his baton, severely injuring him.

Dimauro said Wormley fought him, and he used his training to detain him.

Channel 2's Tom Jones asked the jury whether the national controversies surrounding police brutality played a role in their decision, but jurors did not want to comment.

During sentencing, Dimauro's former partner was near tears as he told the judge it's easy to criticize officers for the judgments they make.

"What he did was his job. The fact that some people can sit around in an office and make it look like he did something else will only hurt what other officers are going to do in the future," said the officer.

The judge acknowledged policing is a tough job, and one that comes with trust and responsibility.

"My sentence is going to be 10 years, to serve 5 years in custody," said the judge.

The judge said that it is a reasonable sentence after all she heard in the trial.