

Former Oklahoma City police officer found not guilty in domestic violence case

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A former Oklahoma City police officer accused of domestic abuse was found not guilty by a jury.

Luis Maldonado, 44, was a four-year veteran of the department in 2019 when his former girlfriend accused him of forcible sodomy, kidnapping, domestic assault and battery and threatening acts of violence.

After less than two hours of deliberation, a jury Friday found him not guilty in Oklahoma County District Court.

“The jury got it right,” Joi Miskel, one of Maldonado’s attorneys said. “They heard a lot of evidence and they were very attentive.”

Miskel said Maldonado spent more than two years in protected segregation inside the Oklahoma County jail because he was an accused police officer and was being held without bond.

“You can only imagine what it was like,” she said. “It could drive you bonkers, especially for someone who is not a criminal. I can only imagine what it has done to his mental health.”

It remains to be seen if Maldonado will pursue returning to the police force.

“We’re going to be talking with the Fraternal of Police and try and get his job back, if that’s what he wants,” Miskel said.