

Former Wynnewood Officer Cleared of All Charges

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A Wynnewood man who once served as a Reserve Officer, Brandon Cross, was found Not Guilty on all three charges which were alleged against him, stemming from complaints filed in February 2018.

The two-day Jury Trial took only about 90 minutes to reach the three Not Guilty Verdicts, following testimony which Cross' attorney Billy Vandever, described as inconsistent and left plenty of doubt for the jurors to consider.

Vandever also said the length of time between the alleged events and a formal notification to law enforcement raised doubts as to the voracity of the witness statements.

Vandever stated the alleged incidents included testimony go all the way back to 2011, and the official complaint cites incidents alleged to have occurred in 2013, when a teenager said Cross had assaulted her on separate occasions between 2013 and September of 2014.

Part of the doubt which entered into the case was the time which transpired between the alleged assaults, and several instances during that time period when the teenager spent time with Cross, and even went on a vacation with Cross and her Mother.

Mr. Cross had vehemently denied the allegations from the onset, and had made it known to his attorney that he wanted the allegations and the facts of the case to be heard by a jury.

Cross had worked on the Wynnewood Police Department from September 2016 until he was charged in February of 2018, and Police Chief Ken Moore stated at the time that he was shocked by the allegations, and he had never seen any indication that Cross had engaged in



any inappropriate behavior while he worked for the Wynnewood Police.

Mr. Cross did take the stand in his own defense during the trial, something he and his attorney says he had waited for an opportunity to do. Vandever also had several character witnesses ready to testify in support of Brandon's character, but after the State's cross-examination he felt Mr. Cross' character was not in question.

Following the unanimous decision from the jury, Cross should be able to have his CLEET Certification reinstated if he desires to go down that path, and Wynnewood Police Chief Ken Moore said he has already written a letter to CLEET requesting his re-instatement.

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