

US jury fails to decide on Sureshbhai Patel's assault case

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Washington: A federal jury in the US state of Alabama has failed to arrive at a decision on the case of a brutal police assault on a 57-year-old Indian-American grandfather who was left partially paralysed.

After day-long deliberations yesterday wherein the 12-member jury jury watched multiple times the 10-minutes video of the February 6 incident in which Sureshbhai Patel was partially paralysed in Alabama's Madison city, they decided to meet again on Tuesday, local media reported. If found guilty of using excessive force against Patel, former Huntsville police official Eric Parker faces up to 10 years of imprisonment.

Parker, 27, who has now been suspended by the Huntsville Police is accused of having violated the civil rights by using excessive force when he knocked Sureshbhai down to the ground. The incident left Patel partially paralysed for which he is still undergoing treatment.

Parker's first trial in September had ended in a mistrial. US lawmakers had condemned the police assault on Patel, describing it as "horrible and tragic".

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