

Indian Grandfather Sureshbhai Patel assault case: Retrial of Eric Parker to resume today

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Washington: After marathon deliberations spread over three days, on the case of police brutality on an Indian grandfather in the US, the jury has decided to meet again today.

Yesterday afternoon, the federal jury in Alabama's capital Huntsville, came back to District Judge Madeline Hughes Haikala that they have not been able to arrive at a consensus on the second trial of Eric Parker, the cop charged with use of excessive force on 58-year-old Sureshbhai Patel that left him partially paralysed.

"We have voted a couple of times and haven't come up with a unanimous decision. What do we do next?" the jury asked.

Haikala then encouraged the jury to try to arrive at a consensus.

There is no reason to believe the federal government could select a more confident nor more conscientious jury for a new trial, she apparently told the jury.

At the end, the jury - which comprises nine woman and three men -- said, they have tried to work toward a unanimous verdict, and are still working towards it.

They decided to resume their deliberations today as one of the members was not feeling well.

It was known, what was the issue of deliberations on yesterday.

On Monday they spent most part of the day watching the dash cam video in which Parker is seen hitting Sureshbhai to the ground, resulting in him getting partially paralysed.

Parker, 27, faces up to 10 years of imprisonment if found guilty.

His first trial in September ended in a mistrial.

Following the incident - which created outrage in both India and the US - Parker was briefly arrested and then released. He was suspended by the police department.

"Parker is doing fine under the circumstances," his attorney Robert Tuten, told local media outlets.

"Everyone is tired and worn out from waiting, of course. I think that shows how complex this situation is and how difficult this situation is for everyone involved," he said.

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