

## Redding

### Jury acquits former sergeant

#### Officer accused of assault, mistreatment still faces false report charges

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A former sergeant in the Shasta County Marshal's Office has been acquitted of assaulting and mistreating a prisoner, his attorney announced Saturday.

But the same jury that acquitted Daniel William Neville-Greenlaw of those charges could not reach a verdict on whether he filed a false police report, said attorney Harry S. Stern of Pleasant Hill.

Neville-Greenlaw, 37, was charged with assault by a public officer under color of authority, inhumane treatment of a prisoner and filing a false police report in connection with a March 22, 2004, incident at the Shasta County Courthouse.

The three misdemeanor charges stemmed from Neville-Greenlaw's use of pepper spray on a shackled and uncooperative inmate, identified as Raymond Iorg, then 29, attorneys have said.

Law enforcement officials have said the incident took place in a courthouse holding cell after Iorg caused a disturbance in a family law courtroom.

Stern praised the jury's finding that Neville-Greenlaw did not use excessive force.

"Our contention all along has been that Dan used appropriate force to control a belligerent and dangerous felon," Stern said.

Although Neville-Greenlaw could be retried on the deadlocked misdemeanor of filing a false report, it could not be confirmed Saturday whether the Shasta County district attorney's office intends to pursue that option.

The trial, which began Monday, was marred by the Tuesday evening death of a retired state appellate court judge who was presiding.

Judge Winslow Christian, 79, died after a vehicle struck him as he walked across Hilltop Drive in Redding. He was not within a crosswalk.

Another retired judge was enlisted to preside over the trial.

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