



## Toronto cop guilty of assault in G20 arrest of Adam Nobody

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TORONTO - Toronto Police Const. Babak Andalib-Goortani was found guilty Thursday of assault with a weapon in the beating of Adam Nobody during the G20 weekend.

"Police officers are not entitled to use unlimited force to effect an arrest," Justice Louise Botham said.

Nobody, 30, was chased and tackled by riot police at a protest on the early evening of June 26, 2010, at the Ontario legislature. The Crown contended the officer hit Nobody numerous times with his baton after the stagehand lay immobile on the ground.

Andalib-Goortani testified that he had to use his baton because he believed Nobody was resisting arrest while being held down by at least three other officers who were captured on video punching and kneeling him .

The judge said that explanation was "after the fact to justify his blows."

Nobody admitted he was being verbally confrontational during the G20 protest but denied he'd resisted arrest.

"The resistance offered by Mr. Nobody was minimal," said the judge.

"I don't believe that any of the blows were a proportionate or necessary" use of force, she said.

Andalib-Goortani returns for sentencing Nov. 8.