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Accused officer wins adjournment

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A Windsor police detective charged in the beating of a local doctor has won another two-week adjournment in his assault case.

David Van Buskirk is charged with assault causing bodily harm and public mischief in the April 22, 2010, incident at the Jackson Park Health Centre.

Dr. Tyceer Abouhassan, a Windsor-born endocrinologist who at the time was in the process of setting up a practice in the city, suffered a broken nose, head injuries and a detached retina requiring emergency surgery.

Last month, Van Buskirk appeared in court and said he had fired his lawyer.

He told the judge brought in from out of town to preside over his case that he had contacted a Toronto lawyer to review his file.

"They haven't had the opportunity to have a full and meaningful discussion," Windsor lawyer Lisa Carnelos told the justice of the peace Tuesday, speaking on behalf of the Toronto lawyer.

Carnelos told the court that the Toronto lawyer will likely take the case, but needs more time to review the evidence against the detective.

The Special Investigations Unit charged Van Buskirk in June 2010.

Two months later, the province's police watchdog laid an additional charge of public mischief against him.

Windsor police, meanwhile, had charged the doctor with assaulting Van Buskirk.

The charge against Abouhassan was stayed by the court.

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