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Hearing finds former officer jailed for GBH would have been dismissed

A misconduct hearing has found that a former police officer convicted of assault would have been dismissed without notice had he still been a serving officer.

Former PC George Umunna, previously attached to the West Area Command Unit, appeared at Reading Crown Court on Wednesday, 2 June where he pleaded guilty to causing grievous bodily harm, relating to a domestic assault whilst off duty.

He was sentenced on the same day to three years and four months'

imprisonment.

Umunna had been suspended from duty and resigned on Tuesday, 1 June.

A special case hearing was held on Thursday, 14 October to consider allegations that Umunna's conduct amounted to a breach of the Standards of Professional Behaviour in respect of discreditable conduct.

The hearing determined that the allegation was proven and that had Umunna been a serving officer, he would have been dismissed without notice. He will now be placed on the College of Policing (CoP) barred list meaning he cannot serve as a police officer or in a number of other related roles in the future.

Chief Superintendent Peter Gardner, who leads the West Area Command, said: "The way that George Umunna behaved is awful and does not reflect the values that we stand for and strive to uphold. Our thoughts are with the victim of this terrible crime.

"Our community deserves the best of its police force and I want residents to know that this type of conduct has absolutely no place in the Met."