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After a 3-day trial in Cowlitz County Superior Court, a jury found Lawson Worboy guilty of Assault in the Second Degree with a Firearm Enhancement for pointing a shotgun at a police officer and guilty of Assault in the Third Degree for punching a second police officer in the mouth. The jury also found Worboy not guilty of assaulting his neighbor.

Shortly after 6:30 in the evening of February 26, 2014, police were called to investigate a possible assault that had just occurred where. When police approached Worboy's house, the lights were off. Police knocked on the door of Worboy's house several times and announced "Longview Police" without receiving a response. After a uniformed police officer knocked at the door leading to an enclosed porch in the back of his house, Worboy exited the house onto the porch with a shotgun. Worboy refused the officer's commands to drop the gun and then pointed it directly at the officer. In attempting to avoid being shot, the officer fell from the step to the porch. Later, Worboy returned to the porch holding a phone. When a second police officer attempted to grab Worboy to stop him from accessing the shotgun again, he punched the officer in the mouth. After Worboy was arrested, a search warrant was obtained for a search of his house. Police found over 30 firearms, including six shotguns. Ammunition for these shotguns was also found during the search. Worboy received a prison sentence of 48 months.