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Phila. jury acquits Pottstown barber charged with rape in 2013

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A Pottstown man who three years ago was charged with numerous counts of rape and related crimes involving a 12-year-old girl was acquitted by a Philadelphia Common Pleas Court jury of the three charges on which he was tried.

George Williams, 42, was found not guilty of rape and unlawful conduct with a minor, both felonies, and corruption of a minor.

"He's completely relieved that the jury exonerated him," said Michael Parlow, his lawyer. "The crime actually is him having to live with this for the last three years."

The girl, a runaway from Atlantic City, alleged that in July 2013, Williams had her accompany him to a burglary, and that on another day, he took her to a Northeast Philadelphia hotel and sexually assaulted her.

The girl was charged in connection with the burglary, Parlow said. Williams, a barber, was not charged with the break-in.

Parlow said the girl testified during the trial, which began Tuesday, that she had lied to police about much of what she told them Williams had done, but did not recant the rape allegation.

"In the end, the jury didn't believe her," Parlow said.

The District Attorney's Office could not be reached for comment.

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