APD Cop **Luke Deer** Never Went to Prison
Is He Still On the Force? Will He Do It Again?

On May 5, 2021 I googled the line “Did Albany Police NY Officer Luke Deer go to prison for brutality? This is in relevance to the First Street Incident in Albany NY where several suspects were assaulted by APD cops on March 16, 2019. The answer was no. And I don’t think he’s going either. He is on paid leave. I guess it seems the Chief can’t trust him to put him back on the streets, but I’m sure the APD doesn’t want the stigma of him never getting back in the squad car driving around lower-income people.

On March 16, 2019, Officer **Luke Deer** of the Albany NY Police Department was caught on video (both the body cam of another officer and a bystander’s cellphone) allegedly brutalizing a surrendering suspect. You can watch the video here to see plainly that the three officers involved with the brutality become confused as to who did what. Since Deer was charged with a felony assault (see wynt article) we assume Deer was allegedly the one who threw the suspect down after the suspect had his hands up in the air pleading for Deer to stop. Deer then beat him with a billyclub and drew blood behind his head. It is assumed the suspect then was cuff ed and thrown to the back seat of the squad car in that condition. Deer was probably never concerned about calling the EMS for his cause of wounds. It is unknown whether or not Deer caused permanent damage to the suspect.

The wynt article articulates that Deer was given paid leave, after 30 days of unpaid suspension and he has been on it ever since this happened over a year ago. Isn’t that a monetary reward for his alleged/recorded crime? To wit: he doesn’t have to go to work and he’s getting paid with our city tax money. Also, as far as I know, no criminal trial has been scheduled in that entire year for Deer, and to this day (May 2020) there is no pending trial that I know of. So is Deer now going to get away with a bloody assault to a helpless surrendering suspect because Deer was angry?

National reports in bloody videos have been made of this kind of repeated brutality, especially against the helpless poor such as the homeless and mentally ill. Is Albany DA **David Soares** now, being a black man himself and the abused suspect being black (the assaulting cop being white), going to appease an upper class that wants Deer to feel confident he can do this and get away with it, thereby modeling behavior for other cops on the APD who also have no self control?

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