

Jury acquits accused police impersonator

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A man who was arrested in 2004 for reportedly impersonating a police officer was acquitted last fall.

Christopher Jackson, then 33, of Calhoun, was arrested February 2004 and charged with two counts of false imprisonment and two counts of impersonation of an officer.

A jury acquitted Jackson Aug. 31 on all counts, according to the verdict form from the Superior Court of Cherokee County.

Jackson reportedly was referred to as the "blue light bandit" after two different women were

stopped by someone who was posing as a police officer. The women said the man who stopped them never hurt them, according to previous reports.

Major Vic West, commander of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, said there are no plans to pursue the case any further unless another crime is committed.

"The deputies found enough evidence to make an arrest and the grand jury handed down an indictment," West said. "But the jury couldn't find him guilty on the evidence presented. Unless a new crime occurs, I'm not inclined to reopen this investigation."