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BRIDGEPORT, CT (WFSB) - The last three weeks have been incredibly taxing and stressful for Mubarak Souleman's family.

"I'm not happy with the verdict but I respect it because that's the law of the country but it's not easy," said Omo Mohammed, Mubarak's mother.

His family was shocked when trooper Brian North was found not guilty last week. A case that shocked Connecticut communities four years ago.

"The real justice would be my brother being here today and not having been killed so ruthlessly the way he was by Brian North with seven gun shots," said Mariyann Souleman, Mubarak's sister.

In January of 2020, Mubarak stole a Hyundai Sonata from a Lyft driver in Norwalk.

Troopers were chasing him down I-95, with Mubarak racing up to 100 miles per hour according to police.

Eventually troopers boxed in Mubarak in West Haven.

Trooper North claims he saw Mubarak reaching for a steak knife.

Mubarak was then killed. His family says he was schizophrenic and had stopped taking his medication.

In court, they watched the police body cam footage in full for the first time.

"An excessive use of force by an officer. But unfortunately Connecticut wasn't willing to take it all the way," continued Mariyann.

The verdict also came as a major surprise to family attorney Mark Arons, who says the Soulemane's aren't finished fighting.

"I can't tell you what their thought process was but it's their job to determine the facts. And they determine the facts to be something other than what we hoped for," he said.

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