

## **Hawkeye Allen convicted of assault**

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Iowa cornerback Antwan Allen was found guilty Wednesday of assault, a conviction that Hawkeye coach Kirk Ferentz said earlier this year may cost Allen game time this season.

The 22-year-old was convicted of hitting a man on the side of the head, knocking him unconscious, and breaking his jaw. The victim, Maurice Payne, is a City High School graduate and current Iowa State University student.

Ferentz said in February that being convicted could put Allen on the bench, although harsher disciplinary measures are also an option for university administrators.

"I informed Antwan that if charges were pressed and, more importantly, if he is found to be guilty of the charges, then there's going to be further discipline," Ferentz told *\*The Daily Iowan\** in February.

Steve Roe, Iowa's associate director of Sports Information, said on late Thursday that Ferentz would not have a comment until today or Saturday because of how late in the day the verdict was released.

In due time, Roe added, Allen's punishment will be addressed.

Since charges were pressed against Allen, he has served community-service hours for the incident.

Though Allen contended that his actions were in self defense, 6th District Associate Judge Stephen Gerard said his actions during the Nov. 28 incident on the Pedestrian Mall were not justified.

Allen may face up to one year in prison and a maximum fine of \$1,500. His sentencing will be held Sept. 30.

Allen, a senior from Tampa, Fla., has started all 38 games during his Hawkeye career, and he was listed as a starting cornerback entering the season opener. Last season, the 5-10, 180-pound defensive back earned honorable mention All-Big Ten accolades, finishing fourth in the conference in interceptions per game.

Allen finished tied for the team lead in interceptions with four - half of his collegiate total. He recorded 54 tackles in 2004, which ranked sixth on the team.

If Allen is forced to miss games this fall, sophomore cornerback Adam Shada is the favorite to get the starting nod. The sophomore was one of two true freshmen to play last year, tallying 13 tackles in 11 games.

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