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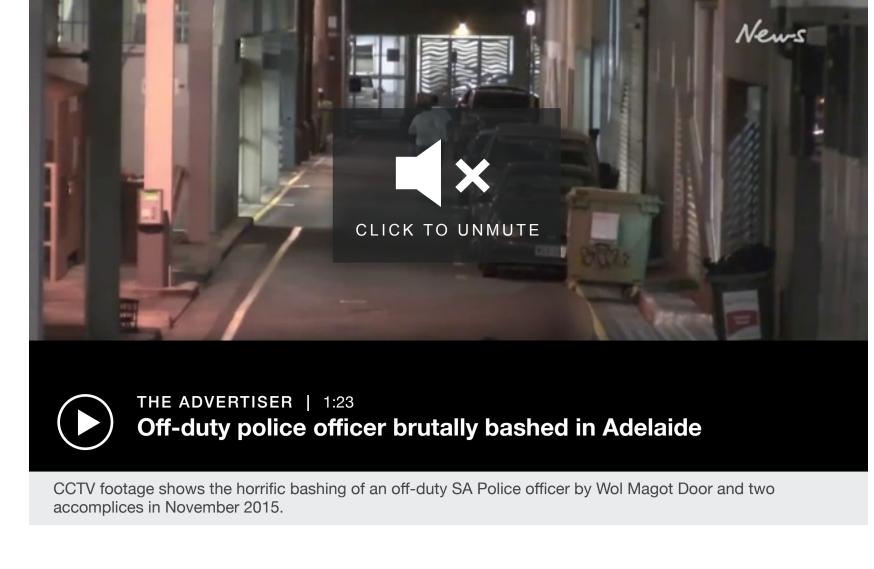
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## DPP won't appeal sentence handed down to thug who brutally bashed off-duty officer in laneway attack The union representing the police has slammed a sentence handed to a man who brutally bashed

an off-duty officer as "paltry" — but the DPP says it won't appeal the decision. **Elizabeth Henson** 

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- sentence imposed on a man who coward-punched a police officer before he and two associates unleashed a horrifying
- attack on their barely conscious victim. The Police Association has condemned the 18-month jail term handed to Wol Magot Door, 26, in May over his involvement in the sickening 2015 ambush assault of an

off-duty police officer in a city laneway, calling it "paltry". CCTV images of the attack show Door punching the officer in the head before he and two accomplices viciously kick, punch and stomp on him.

along Rundle Mall on November 1, 2015. After one sign was damaged, the officer began following the trio and taking photographs.

the group walked into York St, where they brutally turned on him.

Door pleaded guilty in the District Court to aggravated

the incident.

He identified himself as a police officer and followed as

He was sentenced to two years and 10 months in jail, with a non-parole period of 18 months.

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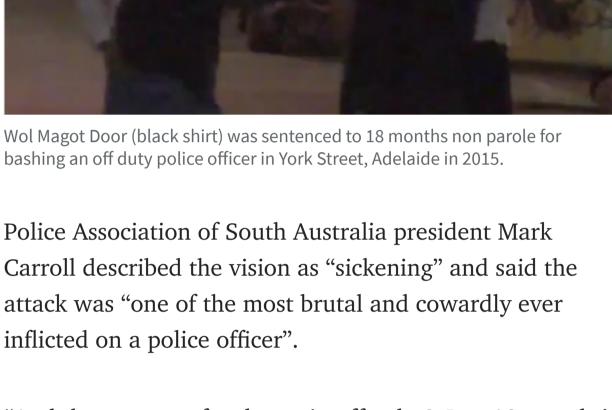
Sandi McDonald told The Advertiser she had "made a

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decision not to appeal the sentence".

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she said.



"And the sentence for the main offender? Just 18 months' jail," he wrote in the Association's June edition of the

Police Journal.

"The public, with access to our Facebook page, saw the vision and was almost unanimous in its condemnation of the paltry sentence.

"Some, who clearly felt compelled to comment, expressed

the view that, on the law enforcement landscape, assaults

on police were terrifying and demanded decisive action."

Mr Carroll, pictured, said this response was consistent

The Association has backed the Opposition's proposed

with the broader public feedback the Association had received throughout its campaign for tougher laws to crack down on people who assault police.

legislation to tackle the issue, which would create a specific criminal offence, with "tough penalties", for assaulting and injuring police officers and emergency service workers.

It would also ensure a criminal who had already received a

emergency service worker could not have their sentence

suspended sentence for injuring a police officer or

suspended again.

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police are not punching bags".

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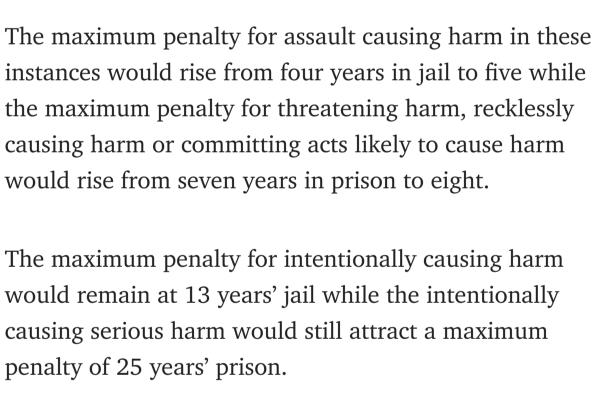
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It would also compel courts to make penalty decisions based of what will deter people from attacking officers and emergency service workers.

The Government introduced its own legislation into

parliament in May that would see people who assault

police and emergency service workers jailed for an extra



union's view that the sentence was "paltry". Photo AAP Image/Brenton

zero". Opposition police spokesman Lee Odenwalder said the "courts must send the strongest possible message that our

Mr Carroll said in the Police Journal the Government's

depicted in our campaign, and their deterrent factor is

mooted laws "have no more strength than the lettuce leaf

Attorney-General Vickie Chapman said: "The decision to appeal is solely a matter for the DPP". "The Liberal Government passed new legislation in the

SA Police Commissioner Grant Stevens declined to comment on the matter.

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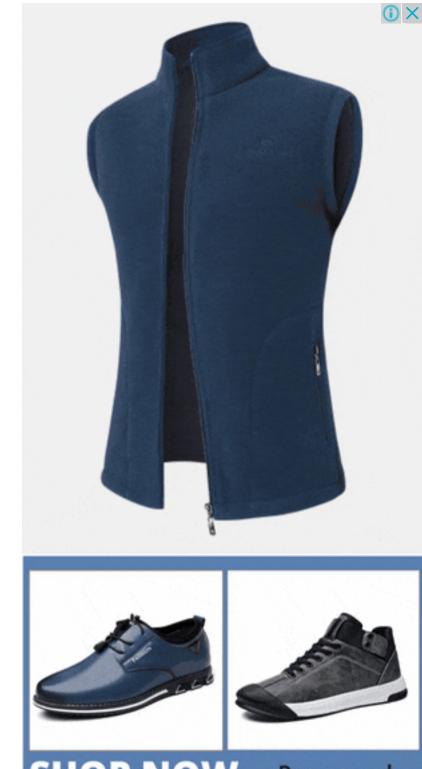
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The incident occurred after the officer saw Door and two others jumping and hitting overhead signs as they walked assault causing harm with intent and aggravated theft over A spokeswoman for Acting Director of Public Prosecutions "Having reviewed the matter, the Acting Director came to the view that this was not an appropriate case to appeal,"

Police Association President Mark Carroll (centre) says the public supported the Safeguards for police and emergency services would be considered by a judge when determining a penalty under

"The Attorney-General must explain why the DPP has failed to appeal this sentence, and whether she intends to House of Assembly two weeks ago that will increase maximum penalties in line with other Australian States to better protect our frontline emergency service workers,"

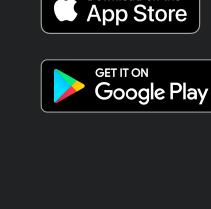
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