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After enduring a year of being beaten and bullied by a man considerably larger than himself, Nelson Viveiros' patience was wearing thin. But when his relentless tormentor forced himself into his house, Viveiros fought back. After a brief struggle, he stabbed the man in the back.

That led to three-and-a-half years of worry for Viveiros, who feared a future spent behind bars. Those fears were alleviated on Wednesday when he was cleared of aggravated assault.

The relieved man recalled the frightening incident. "(He forced his way in) and then he puts his arm around my neck. That's when I noticed the knife on the desk. When I grabbed it, I turned around, and stabbed him twice in the back."

The incident took place in May 2001 and the victim recovered fully from the injuries. He also admitted in court that he repeatedly assaulted, threatened and harassed Nelson, whom he outweighed by fifty pounds.

On the day of the stabbing, the bully, who was 16 at the time, tried to lure Nelson outside before bursting into his apartment. Nelson spent that night in jail, and the last three-and-a-half years worrying that he might be going back.

"It's nice to see that a jury ... recognizes that one has (the right) to stand up and defend," said lawyer David Costa. "The saddest thing about bullying is they often prey upon the most vulnerable. Nelson is the man of his household. He doesn't have his father around anymore."

Viveiros won't have to worry about his one-time bully renewing his anti-social behaviour. The man has signed a peace bond promising to stay away from him and his family.

"I feel great," he said after being cleared. "Thank God it's over. Now I can carry on with my life."

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