

How Battery Charges can Ruin Your Life

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A New York man has been accused of battery against a JetBlue flight attendant. He is facing serious criminal charges, according to WPTV News. The article is included below.

The Crime

BOSTON -- A New York man has been arrested at Boston's Logan International Airport after allegedly slapping a male flight attendant on a JetBlue flight from Florida.

Massachusetts State Police say 48-year-old Bryan Garnett, of Utica, N.Y., was taken into custody Tuesday when the flight from West Palm Beach landed about 10:30 a.m.

Garnett is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday in East Boston District Court on charges of interfering with a flight crew and assault and battery.

The Boston Globe reports that one of its reporters was on the plane. The reporter says a flight attendant asked Garnett to put his bag beneath the seat before the plane took off, but there was no obvious commotion during the flight.

According to Florida Statute 784.03 on battery, the offense of battery occurs when a person actually and intentionally touches or strikes another person against the will of the other. Or it is also considered battery if a person intentionally causes bodily harm to another person. It is usually a first-degree misdemeanor unless a person has a prior conviction for battery, [aggravated battery](#), or felony battery.

A first-degree misdemeanor can result in a mandatory prison sentence of one year.

Criminal Defense

If you have been [charged with battery](#), you are facing serious criminal charges that will follow you for the rest of your life. If you are convicted, your criminal record will get in the way of several aspects of your life, like applying for a job, or renting a house or an apartment. Speak with a [criminal defense lawyer](#) so you have a chance of clearing your criminal record, or even avoiding conviction in the first place. At least call a [criminal defense lawyer](#) to understand exactly what consequences you may be facing due to your battery charges.
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