

Assault and Battery Charges in West Palm Beach

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The West Palm Beach metropolitan area is the 13th most violent city in the country. There are many violent crimes committed in Palm Beach County and assault and battery are two of the most serious. Most people think "assault and battery" are the same offense but technically "assault" and "battery" are two distinct and separate crimes.

A West Palm Beach man was arrested on Monday for aggravated battery, after his girlfriend accused him of beating her during an argument, [reported by Cynthia Roldan, The Palm Beach Post](#)

Christopher Maurice Raphael, 24, is being held at the Palm Beach County Jail in lieu of \$26,000 bond. He is charged with aggravated battery, battery and criminal mischief.

According to the probable cause affidavit, a West Palm Beach Police officer was dispatched to the 500 block of Sapodilla Road on Monday at 10:33 a.m. to reports of a domestic battery incident. The caller, who was later identified as the 19-year-old alleged victim, told the officer that during an argument, Raphael threw body waste at her.

The woman, whose name is withheld in the affidavit, added that Raphael hit her with a bed board and with his hands. She also said that he broke the front window to their home and of her car.

The officer noted in the affidavit that the woman stated that "He cannot get away with this again." The officer also noted that while the woman was talking, Raphael said "you rapping too much to the police."

[Assault and battery](#) laws in Palm Beach County are tough. Prosecutors are unforgiving. If you are faced with this charge – even if you think it was justified – you have an uphill battle to prove your innocence.

There are over a 1,000 [criminal defense attorneys](#) in Palm Beach County but only a handful of them have assault and battery experience. There is no substitute for experience when it comes to assault and battery

defense. An experienced criminal defense attorney will poke holes in the state's case and persuade a jury if the case goes to trial. And if the criminal defense attorney has a good track record and is known and respected in the courtroom, the defendant will have a much better chance negotiating a deal. But remember - the burden of proof rests solely on the prosecution. If you had no "intent" to injure another person, the charges can be reduced or dropped altogether.

Your rights and your freedom are at stake - protect them and fight for them with a [West Palm Beach criminal defense attorney](#) who has assault and battery experience.

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