

Facebook Leads to Arrest of Mom Charged with Child Abuse

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Facebook has become a daily part of many people's lives. Law enforcement is now using the social media site more often to catch criminals. Over a year ago, Facebook was used to track down a mother and daughter who repeatedly committed [animal cruelty crimes](#) against a pig, and posted a video of the act. Now, an Orange County mother has been arrested on charges of child abuse and contributing to the delinquency of a minor due to another video on Facebook.

Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor

The legal definition of contributing to the delinquency of a minor can include anything done by an adult that would allow or encourage illegal behavior by a person under the age of 18. It is also considered contributing to the delinquency of a minor if an adult places the child in situations that exposes them to illegal behavior, such as committing a crime in the presence of a child. An adult who serves alcoholic beverages to someone under 21 can be charged with this crime as well. The definition also includes crimes of a much more serious nature such as sexual exploitation, child pornography, or sexual relations with a minor.

Child Abuse in Orange County

An Orlando mother was captured on video yelling at her daughter during the girl's fistfight with another teen to "hit harder" and "bite her" was arrested Thursday, according to the [Orlando Sentinel](#). Sandra Padilla Miranda, 38, asked the girl to come to her apartment complex so she and her daughter could fight after the girls, 14 and 17, got into a confrontation at their school. The girls have been suspended.

Video of the fistfight at Bellagio apartments off Semoran Boulevard was posted on Facebook and depicted one of the girls hitting the other and trying to bite her in the face, a report states. During the fight, Padilla Miranda repeatedly egged her daughter on in Spanish, investigators said.

Padilla Miranda has been charged with child abuse and contributing to the delinquency of a minor by causing a child to commit an act of delinquency. The Orlando Sentinel reported that she was in the process of posting an \$1,100 bail late Thursday.

Child Abuse Criminal Defense

If you have been charged with child abuse anywhere in South Florida, there is an experienced [Criminal Defense Lawyer](#) you can call. Charges dealing with children can often be extremely serious and unforgiving including an investigation from the [Department of Children and Families](#). A lawyer in West Palm Beach like [Andrew D. Stine](#) has experience in dealing with clients charged with child abuse and can help you resolve the case as much in your favor as possible.

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