

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

594B.

(a) A police officer may arrest without a warrant any person who commits, or attempts to commit, any felony or misdemeanor in the presence of, or within the view of, such officer.

(b) A police officer [may, when he] WHO has probable cause to believe that a felony or misdemeanor is being committed in [his] THE OFFICER'S presence or within [his] THE OFFICER'S view, MAY arrest without a warrant any person whom [he] THE OFFICER may reasonably believe to have committed such offense.

(c) A police officer may arrest a person without a warrant if [he] THE OFFICER has probable cause to believe that a felony has been committed or attempted and that such person has committed or attempted to commit a felony whether or not in [his] THE OFFICER'S presence or view.

(D) A POLICE OFFICER MAY ARREST A PERSON WITHOUT A WARRANT IF:

(1) THE OFFICER HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:

(I) THE PERSON CRIMINALLY BATTERED THE PERSON'S SPOUSE OR OTHER ADULT INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM THE PERSON RESIDES;

(II) THERE IS EVIDENCE OF PHYSICAL INJURY OR ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON; AND

(III) UNLESS THE PERSON IS IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED:

1. THE PERSON MAY NOT BE APPREHENDED;

2. THE PERSON MAY CAUSE INJURY TO THE PERSON OR DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY OF ONE OR MORE OTHER PERSONS; OR

3. THE PERSON MAY TAMPER WITH, DISPOSE OF, OR DESTROY EVIDENCE; AND

(2) A REPORT TO THE POLICE WAS MADE WITHIN 6 2 HOURS OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENT.

[[d]] (E) A police officer may arrest a person without a warrant if [he] THE OFFICER has probable cause to believe: