

3. The judge agrees not to increase the defendant's bond if an appeal is noted.

(iii) The State may not demand a jury trial.

(f) (1) Except as provided in Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Family Law Article, the District Court does not have jurisdiction of an offense otherwise within the District Court's jurisdiction if a person is charged:

(i) With another offense arising out of the same circumstances but not within the District Court's jurisdiction; or

(ii) In the circuit court with an offense arising out of the same circumstances and within the concurrent jurisdictions of the District Court and the circuit court described under subsection (d) of this section.

(2) In the cases described under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the circuit court for the county has exclusive original jurisdiction over all the offenses.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COURSE OF CONDUCT" MEANS A PERSISTENT PATTERN OF CONDUCT, COMPOSED OF A SERIES OF ACTS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THAT EVIDENCES A CONTINUITY OF PURPOSE.

(3) "STALKING" MEANS A MALICIOUS COURSE OF CONDUCT THAT INCLUDES APPROACHING OR PURSUING ANOTHER PERSON WITH INTENT TO PLACE THAT PERSON IN REASONABLE FEAR:

(I) OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH; OR

(II) THAT A THIRD PERSON LIKELY WILL SUFFER SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN STALKING.

(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 3 5 YEARS OR BOTH.

(D) A SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE IMPOSED SEPARATE FROM AND CONSECUTIVE TO OR CONCURRENT WITH A SENTENCE FOR ANY OTHER OFFENSE BASED UPON THE ACT OR ACTS ESTABLISHING A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

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

(1) THE POLICE OFFICER HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A STALKING UNDER § 121B OF THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN COMMITTED;