

~~(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.~~

121B.

(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.

594B.

(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;

(2) THE POLICE OFFICER HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE ALLEGED STALKING VICTIM OR A THIRD PERSON IS IN DANGER OF IMMINENT BODILY HARM OR DEATH; AND

(3) THE PROBABLE CAUSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS SUPPORTED BY CREDIBLE EVIDENCE OTHER THAN STATEMENTS OF THE ALLEGED STALKING VICTIM.