



Re: Recent Trends//Results

Recently, I was involved in a trial involving an airline pilot. Arrested by Tavares Police Department and accused of **Domestic Battery by Strangulation**. Sounds bad doesn't it? Fact this charge has become a recent trend by law enforcement to jack up a plausible misdemeanor to that of a felony. Problem is many defense attorney's are shy at confronting the charge and proceeding to a trial. Let's face it, too many attorneys know the easy way out and it is not a trial. This offense was recklessly charged, and an airline pilot of 21 years was discharged. Absolutely pathetic that the state would partake in this game as well.

Seeking to exonerate this man and return him to his employment, myself and co-counsel aggressively went after the state and law enforcement. It was time consuming and expended much effort despite the frivolous charges. First, strangulation involves an element of choking and depriving the airways. Well, of no surprise law enforcement held no such evidence. No medical records; no evidence of bruising; no circumstantial evidence such as a fleeing victim, no area videos, etc. Instead their key witnesses involved some young boys that proclaimed they knew the victim was being choked for they had watched MMA fights and wrestling for years and knew what it looked like.

However, this is a moving trend, over charging on this particular offense with the hope of a compromise plea. Don't allow your attorney to compromise your case for this or any charge, and come see me if you hold this fear. Our client was found not guilty of the offense and now has the ability to earn a prosperous future once again.

We are always available for consultation.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Wiggs, Esq.