

# Aggravated Assault

## Minimum 3-1/2 Year Prison Sentence

- A simple Assault, coupled with a Deadly Weapon is **Aggravated Assault**
- Display a firearm during a dispute
- Touch someone while displaying a firearm



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### **Animation: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**

**Explain:** Simple assault (just creating the apprehension of injury) + deadly weapon = Aggravated Assault.

**Example:** You get into an argument with a street beggar and you decide to teach him a lesson, so you slap him up-side his head with your gun.

**Example:** You're a passenger in the family car. Your spouse is driving north on the freeway. Suddenly, a car pulls up next to you, and the driver rolls down his window and begins yelling something and shaking his fist at you. He "flips you the bird". He is acting like a madman. You and your spouse cannot understand why this guy is so mad at you. Your spouse speeds up and maneuvers thru freeway traffic. The madman is following closely and each chance he gets, he pulls up beside your car and starts yelling and shaking his fist again. Your spouse drives off the freeway onto an access road, and the madman follows. You re-enter the freeway, and the madman follows, shaking his fist all the way. As the madman pulls up next to you on the freeway, you decide to let him know that you are armed. You hold up your gun to the window, being careful not to point it at the madman. He speeds-up and takes the next freeway exit. A few minutes later, a police car pulls up behind you and your spouse, and the policemen indicates you should pull off the freeway. Your spouse complies, and you are arrested for aggravated assault and sentenced to a minimum of 3 1/2 years in prison.

**Example:** You are in a heated argument that turns into a shoving and punching match. To make your point, you pull back your coat revealing your gun and tell the person he had better buzz-off, or you'll settle this right now.

**Explain:** Just causing a serious bodily injury, such as knocking out somebody's teeth, or breaking an arm, or using any type of instrument to hit someone with, (a bottle) could lead to you being charged with Aggravated Assault.

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