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Maryland Sex Offense Charges - Veteran MD Cop Acquitted on Sex Crimes

Being accused of sexual crimes can change a person's life forever, especially for city-employees charged in the city in which they work. If convicted, the suspect's job is almost certainly in jeopardy, along with many personal freedoms and liberties they enjoy. An experienced [Maryland criminal lawyer](#) is likely to see examples of this regularly, much like a recent incident where a jury acquitted a former Maryland State Trooper of three counts of sexual assault against a woman he pulled over for a DUI.

Almost a year after being stopped for for a suspected Maryland DUI, the driver reported to law enforcement officials that state trooper Marlon Iglesias, 43, touched her inappropriately. Allegedly, after arresting her on Interstate 270, the woman, 28, was put in the front seat of the police cruiser. The woman alleges that after Iglesias arrested her on Interstate 270, he touched her thigh and attempting to kiss her upon their arrival at the police station. Practically on her word alone, prosecutors charged the former state police officer with Maryland sex crimes.

During the trial however, the Maryland criminal defense lawyer brought to alerted the jury to the accuser's record of dishonesty in the courtroom. This caused immense debate amongst the jurors, finally coming back with their decision hours later. Although they did not believe Iglesias seriously sexually assaulted the woman, they do consider that something inappropriate happened. The jury acquitted him of the Maryland sex offenses, but Iglesias did receive a misdemeanor conviction for inappropriate misconduct while on duty. If the verdict on the sex assault charge had been guilty, Iglesias would have not only received punishment from the courts, but almost certainly from the police department as well--even potentially facing expulsion from the police force, directly affecting his livelihood.

Facing accusations of sexual assault is a difficult and stressful process for

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anyone to experience, regardless of occupation. The example of Marlon Iglesias highlights how important it is to have an experienced and hard-working [Maryland criminal defense attorney](#) to come to your rescue. Acting quickly in retaining counsel can ensure the highest quality legal advice and legal representation, helping to keep you at home and work, not behind bars.