

## Connecticut Man Arrested for Robbery and Assaulting Police Officers

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[54-year-old Connecticut man, Ulbaldo Diaz walked up to two men as they exited a restaurant early Saturday morning and demanded money from them](#), not knowing that they were off-duty police detectives. The two men identified themselves as police officers; Diaz went to his car and retrieved a mop, which he then used to assault the detectives. The police officers were able to take Diaz to the ground and detain him until help arrived. Diaz was arrested for [robbery](#) and assaulting a police officer.

According to [A.R.S. 13-1902](#), a person commits robbery by knowingly or intentionally taking property from another person. Robbery is classified as a class 4 felony.

Assaulting a police officer is a very serious charge in Arizona. The moment you strike a police officer is the moment an assault charge increases to [aggravated assault](#).

Under [A.R.S. 13-1204](#), a person commits aggravated assault under the following circumstances:

1. If the person causes serious injury to another person.
2. If the person uses a deadly weapon or instrument.
3. If the offender commits assault while the victim is bound.
4. If the offender is at least 18 years of age while the victim is under the age of 15.
5. If the offender commits assault on a victim while knowing them to be one of the following:
  1. A police officer
  2. A firefighter
  3. A teacher
  4. A prosecutor
  5. A public defender
  6. A health care practitioner

Diaz assaulted the police officers after they identified themselves as such, so now he faces an aggravated assault charge. Assault against a police officer is a class 5 felony, unless the officer sustains an injury, in which case it increases to a class 4 felony. If convicted of robbery and aggravated assault against a police officer, Diaz could face the following consequences:

<u>Felony</u>	<u>Mitigated</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Presumptive</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Aggravated</u>
Class 4	1 year	1.5 years	2.5 years	3 years	3.75 years
Class 5	.5 years	.75 years	1.5 years	2 years	2.5 years

The consequences of criminal acts are usually far away from the offender's mind when the act is being committed. Sometimes it takes being caught for someone to realize what a mistake they've made. A good criminal attorney can help you correct your mistake and get you a second chance at life.

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