

524.055 Retaliating against a participant in the legal process.

- (1) A person is guilty of retaliating against a participant in the legal process when he or she engages or threatens to engage in conduct causing or intended to cause bodily injury or damage to the tangible property of a participant in the legal process or a person he or she believes may be called as a participant in the legal process in any official proceeding or because the person has participated in a legal proceeding:
 - (a) Attending an official proceeding, or giving or producing any testimony, record, document, or other object produced at that proceeding;
 - (b) Giving information to a law enforcement officer relating to the possible commission of an offense or a violation of conditions of probation, parole, or release pending judicial proceedings;
 - (c) Vote, decision, or opinion; or
 - (d) Performance of his or her duty.
- (2) Retaliating against a participant in the legal process is a Class D felony.
- (3) In order for a person to be convicted of a violation of this section, the act against a participant in the legal process or the immediate family of a participant in the legal process shall be related to the performance of a duty or role played by the participant in the legal process.

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