

# Lake County Sheriff's Office

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Man Charged After Punching Deputy in Face

On December 10, 2021, at approximately 1:45 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a business in the 14000 block of West Petronella Drive, Unincorporated Libertyville, for a possible domestic battery in progress. A third-party caller believed a female family member was being battered by a male inside, in a sleeping area of the business. The third-party lost communication with the family member and believed the male may have been preventing the female from using her phone.

Sheriff's deputies arrived and began checking to see if the victim was okay. As they were checking, they were approached by Christian Castro, 33, who was living at the business. Castro was verbally and physical aggressive with the deputies. While being detained, Castro managed to punch one of the deputies in the face, causing a laceration to the deputy's face and causing the deputy's eyeglasses to break. He continued pushing both deputies, before they were able to restrain and handcuff Castro.

Sheriff's deputies located the woman and her baby, both were okay. Further investigation revealed Castro broke the female's phone and refused to allow her to leave the business.

Both deputies were okay and did not require medical treatment.

Castro was transported to the Lake County Jail. The Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges for Castro:

- Two counts of aggravated battery to a peace officer (class 3 felonies)
- Resisting arrest (misdemeanor)
- Disorderly conduct (misdemeanor)
- Two counts of Criminal damage to property (misdemeanors)

Castro remains in the Lake County Jail pending an initial court hearing this morning.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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