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"Marine shown fighting with San Diego hotel staff in viral video charged with assault and battery"

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Question:

Last week, I reported that Marine Corps officials were investigating Marine Sgt. Jason Frink, who was seen on a video assaulting hotel staff in San Diego on Dec. 31:

https://taskandpurpose.com/news/marines-video-hotel-staff-altercation/

At the time, San Diego Police said that none of the hotel staff had decided to press charges against Frink, but we have heard since then that one woman is pressing charges against him and she has a case number.

I need to update the story to give our readers the most accurate information possible. When I contacted the San Diego Police about this issue, I was referred to the City Attorney's Office.

Can the City Attorney's Office confirm that one of the women shown in the video of Jason Frink assaulting hotel staff is pressing charges? I do not need this person's name, but it would help to know what charges she is pursuing and what the next step in the case is.

Response:

This case has been received by the City Attorney's Office and is under review. We can contact you if criminal charges against Mr. Frink are filed by our Office. Feel free to check back with us as well.

Follow-up Response:

I wanted to let you know that charges have been filed against Jason Frink. He is charged with PC 242, battery, and PC240, assault. Both are misdemeanors and carry the possibility of fines and up to six months in jail, if convicted. He is scheduled to be arraigned in court on March 1, 2023.

Question:

Does Sgt. Frink have an attorney? If so, could you please tell me who his attorney is?

Response:

I don't know. It just showed up in our case filing system and he hasn't even been to court yet.

Question:

Is the maximum penalty 6 months for each charge -- a total of 12?

Response:

There are two victims so the theoretical maximum would be one year.
