

THE LEGAL CASE

THE PEOPLE AT THE SUIT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

-v-

SAM BECKHAM

Non Fatal Offences Against the Person Act, 1997:

Section 2

A person shall be guilty of an offence of assault who, without lawful excuse, intentionally or recklessly-

(a) directly or indirectly applies force to or causes an impact on the body of another,

or

(b) causes another to believe on reasonable grounds that he or she is likely immediately to be subjected to any such force or impact, without the consent of the other.

Section 3

(1) A person who assaults another causing him or her harm shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable-

(a) On conviction on indictment to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both.

“harm” means harm to body or mind and includes pain and unconsciousness.