
Private Person's Arrest

344.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance for the handling and acceptance of a private person's arrest.

344.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Urbana Police Department to accept a private person's arrest only when legal and appropriate.

344.3 ARRESTS BY PRIVATE PERSON

A private person may arrest another when the person has probable cause to believe the other person has committed an offense other than an ordinance violation (725 ILCS 5/107-3).

344.4 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

An officer confronted with a person claiming to have made a private person's arrest should determine whether such an arrest is lawful.

If the officer determines that the private person's arrest is unlawful, the officer should:

- (a) Take no action to further detain or restrain the arrested individual, unless there is independent justification for continuing a detention.
- (b) Advise the parties that the arrest will not be accepted but the circumstances will be documented in a report.
- (c) Document the incident, including the basis for refusing to accept custody of the individual.

Whenever an officer determines that a private person's arrest is justified, the officer may take the individual into custody and proceed in the same manner as with any other arrest.