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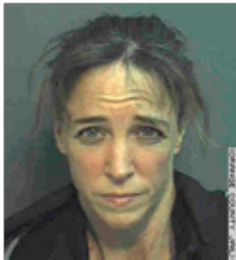
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Advice If You Are Attacked by Crazy Astronaut

A NASA astronaut was recently arrested on battery and attempted kidnapping charges after allegedly trying to subdue a romantic rival with pepper spray and abduct her from a parking lot at Orlando International Airport, police said.

Navy Capt. Lisa Marie Nowak, who was a mission specialist aboard the space shuttle Discovery in July, and Colleen Shipman were both reported to be "in a relationship" with astronaut Bill Oefelein, a Navy commander, according to a police report of the incident.



Captain Novak drove from Texas to Florida with diapers on to save time for the long trip. Investigators found soil diapers in her car. Here is my advice if you are the victim of a crazy astronaut or another insane person:

1. **Run Forrest. Run.** As stated in the movie, Forrest Gump, "Run Forrest! Run!" If possible, get away from the crazy person and call the police for assistance. Call a friend. While it would be nice to snap a photo with your camera or camera phone for proof, it is far more important to get away from the crazy person. "Run Forrest! Run!"
2. **Have a Will.** If the crazy astronaut ends your life, a valid will directs the distribution of your assets including your home, investments and personal items.
3. **Don't Roll Down Your Windows.** Captain Novak's unknowing victim rolled down her window and got Pepper Sprayed. If you are approached by a crazy person whether it is a friend, lawyer or someone else, don't roll down your windows. Just drive away.
4. **Have a Healthcare Surrogate Form.** If the crazy astronaut causes you to be in a state of mental or physical incapacity, a Healthcare Surrogate Form gives guidance to medical providers as to which person or persons can make medical decisions on your behalf.
5. **Don't Send Mixed Signals.** Be clear with the crazy astronaut that you are not interested in a relationship. Do not in any way encourage the crazy astronaut to take any action to gain your attention or affection.
6. **Have a Living Will.** If the crazy astronaut causes you to be in a vegetative state or have a terminal condition, a Living Will gives direction to your medical providers and others as to life prolonging measures and care.
7. **Have a Durable Power of Attorney.** If the crazy astronaut causes you to be in a state of mental and / or physical incapacity, a Durable Power of Attorney will allow a trusted person or persons to conduct your personal affairs and business matters.
8. **File for an Injunction.** If you get away, call a lawyer and have an Injunction filed. While an Injunction is just a piece of paper, it is easier for the police to take action against a person if an Injunction is in place.



While it is highly unlikely that you will be attacked or stalked by a crazy astronaut, having your affairs in order will make your life and those close to you much easier. If you need legal assistance with any of these matters or others, please contact me.

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