

Ala. Code 1975, §13A-3-23
SELF-DEFENSE
(BATTERED PERSON SYNDROME)

During the trial you heard testimony concerning battered person syndrome. You may consider that evidence in connection with the defendant's claim of self- defense.

Such evidence may relate to the issue of the reasonableness of the defendant's belief that the use of force was immediately necessary, even though no use of force against the defendant may have been, in fact, imminent.

Use Note

Expert opinion testimony on battered person syndrome may be admitted when proper predicate and foundation are laid. Ex parte Hill, 507 So.2d 558 (Ala. 1987).

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