Wanna play rough? O.K.--- California Laws Related To Pepper Spraying Wal-Mart Shoppers.

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The Thaksgiving "Midnight Madness" sale at a Los Angeles Wal-Mart upped the ante in hiliday shopping fisticuffs, by a lot. A woman, who today turned herself in to authorities, really really wanted an XBox console. *Really.* To assure herself a fighting chance in the huge crowd that always shows up for these Wal-Mart slugfests, she brought along a helper. I think she was heard to say, just before unleashing havoc . . .

At least that's what I read in my local paper . . .

In any event, there is a fairly complete statutory regime in place in California about citizens' possession and misuse of pepper spray. Very few states regulate this at all. The Feds do, but mostly in interstate commerce terms - USPS regulations, hazardous materials transportation, etc. The woman who (allegedly) pepper sprayed her fellow customers last night is, to put it mildly, in a heap of trouble. See below:

California Laws Implicated in the 2011 Thanksgiving Wal-Mart Pepper Spray Incident

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