

# Michigan AAU basketball coach arrested on charges of assaulting Paducah referee

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An AAU basketball coach was arrested and jailed Saturday night on charges of assault of a sports official during a tournament in Paducah, Kentucky.

According to the [McCracken County Sheriff Office's Facebook page](#), Keyon Menifield, 40, of Flint, Michigan, assaulted a referee at the Paducah Regional Sports Plex.

The referee has been identified as Kenny Culp of Paducah.

"During the disagreement the referee turned to walk away," the Facebook post read. "As he did, Menifield punched the referee, knocking him unconscious, causing minor injuries. Menifield then fled the area prior to Deputies arrival. Menifield was quickly located at a local hotel and taken into custody."

Menifield was arrested and lodged in McCracken County Regional Jail. First offense assault of a sports official is a Class A misdemeanor, the Facebook post said.

[In a post on his Facebook page](#), Menifield said "buddy called us a name he shouldn't have but that doesn't make it right for me to put my

hands on him" and apologized to "the victim, my parents and kids" along with the tournament director and Culp's family.

Shannon Oglesby, manager of the Paducah Regional Sports Plex, said Sunday the AAU event was for high school players. She could not provide the name of the person in charge of the event.

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