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The Indian Penal Code 1860

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SECTION 97: RIGHT OF PRIVATE DEFENCE OF THE BODY AND OF PROPERTY Every person has a right, subject to the restrictions contained in section 99, to defend First--His own body, and the body of any other person, against any offence affecting the human body; Secondly--The property, whether movable or immovable, of himself or of any other person, against any act which is an offence falling under the definition of theft, robbery, mischief or criminal trespass, or which is an attempt to commit theft, robbery, mischief or criminal trespass. COMMENTS This defence is available only to those who in the face of imminent peril act in good faith.