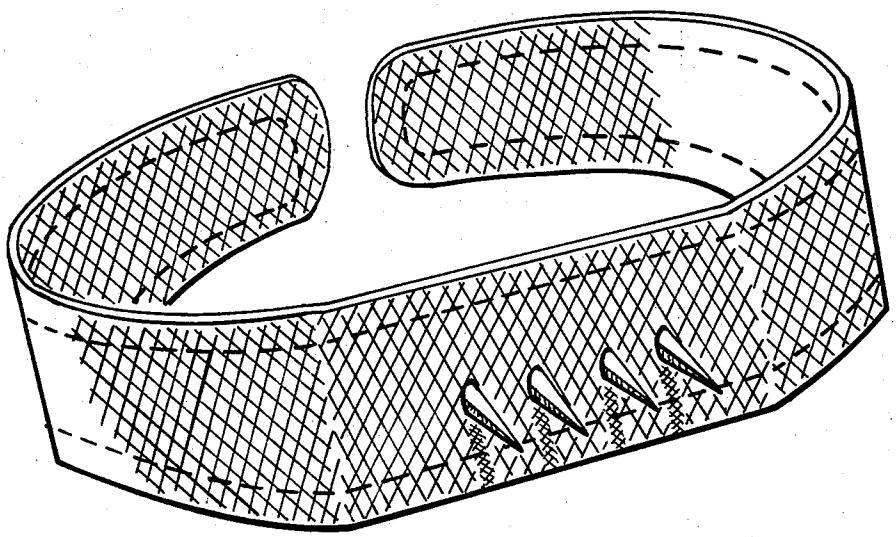
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The protective wrist band is a steel wrist band, enclosed in plastic or leather, with short spikes for personal protection. The primary purpose of this device is to provide our women protection from molesters. Any attacker would be forced to release his hold and could be easily identified by the police from the tell-tale spike marks. It is not a lethal weapon as it is non-disabling and would be employed for self-defense only.

The single figure in the accompanying drawing illustrates a preferred exemplification of the wrist band.

Law enforcement officers and others engaged in work calling for maximum personal protection will find it discourages all attempts to manhandle the wearer of this bracelet. It can be snapped on your wrist in an instant and you will then find you are more than a match for an attacker even if he has some knowledge of Judo, Boxing or Karate.

The bracelet is worn with the spikes on the inside of the wrist. This enables one to strike an opponent if held from the rear. The bracelet gives the general appearance of a wrist watch band.

When manufactured the spikes (4 or more) would be riveted to a steel band and the band then covered with plastic or leather. Heavy duty bracelets with large spikes would be suitable for police officers who might be wearing

heavy clothing with long sleeves, whereas short ¼" spikes would be adequate for women who want the protection of the protective wrist band.

What I claim is:

1. A wrist band for protecting the wearer against physical molestation comprising: a generally ring-shaped resilient metal strip shaped to encircle and fit the wrist, said strip having two free ends whereby said ends may be separated from each other to permit the band to be clamped on and removed from the wrist; and a plurality of rigid sharp-pointed, spike-like projections secured to said strip along a short circumferential portion thereof approximately midway between said free ends and extending radially outwardly of said strip, the remainder of the circumference of said strip being free of projections, the surfaces of said metal strip being covered with thin flexible sheet material, said projections extending through said sheet material.

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