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de·fen·dant

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: a person required to make answer in a legal action or suit
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The jury believed that the *defendant* was guilty.

First Known Use of DEFENDANT

14th century

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²defendant *adjective*

Definition of DEFENDANT

: being on the [defensive](#) : [DEFENDING](#)

First Known Use of DEFENDANT

15th century

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Sanjeet Singh

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