

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

These apply to everyone confronted by the authorities Federal or State

QUESTIONING

- Be Polite. Stay Calm. Stay Strong.
- When asked Name and Address give it. Don't lie.
- Never ever lie it's a gift to the opposition if you do.
- *Do not consent to a search* of your home, your car or your person or your place of business.
- Don't invite them in.
- Don't try to talk your way out of it. Don't banter with Police Officers – They are doing their job. Do not try to become their friend, they are not yours.
- Do not answer any questions. "Tell them your Lawyer will contact them."

Remember when the word is in your mouth you're the master, when it is out of your mouth you're the slave.

YOUR HOME

- Knock Knock. Police! Open the door! Answer the door.
- *Do not consent to let them enter **UNLESS THEY HAVE A WARRANT.***
- Ask to see the search warrant. Read the warrant and keep a copy.
- Watch out for Sneak Peak. They do not have the right to look around, so don't let them in. But do it politely. If they say they will get a warrant. Have them do so.
- Do not become belligerent even if confronted by belligerence.

IF THEY HAVE A VALID WARRANT

- Do not resist or obstruct. Let them search.
- Ask for a property list.
- NEVER answer questions. Demand a Lawyer when you do so additional rights kick in.

IF ARRESTED

- Don't get angry. Do not answer questions. Demand a Lawyer. This cannot be emphasized too much.
- Get a phone call. All calls are recorded. They really are, so be careful of what you say.
- Don't discuss arrest over the phone. Keep it short. Don't use "Code Words."
- Stay calm. You never know who else is listening. Remember saying nothing means **NOTHING.**
- Don't talk about your case to other inmates, if you are arrested or incarcerated for a time. Snitches and informers are listening and will cooperate against you.
- GET A LAWYER.

LAWYERS

- Talk to them. Listen to them. They want to help you.
- **BROKE?** There are lots of good hardworking public defenders. Respect them.
- Plea or Jury trial, always use a Lawyer even for making a deal.
- If convicted, do the time, pay the fine, don't violate probation, don't run away, follow the rules.
- Stay in touch with your Lawyer. **DON'T ACT LIKE A JERK.**

Remember three people can keep a secret if two are dead. (Ben Franklin)