

WARNING

HEAVY POLICE THREAT IN EFFECT KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Tips to remember when dealing with police:

1. RECORD YOUR INTERACTION.

Cameras are your best defense against the police. If they know they are being recorded, they will be less tempted to violate your rights.



2. DO NOT TALK TO THE POLICE OR ANSWER QUESTIONS.

You are never required to talk to police. Anything you say to an officer can only be used to hurt you, never help you.



3. ASK "AM I BEING DETAINED?" IF YOU ARE NOT, LEAVE.

If you are not being detained, just walk away.



4. NEVER CONSENT TO SEARCHES.

An officer is never allowed to search you, or your property, without your consent unless he has a warrant or a "reasonable suspicion" of a crime. Even if the officer searches you, always be sure to make them aware you do not consent to the search.



5. BE POLITE, BUT FIRM.

These are your public servants. They are paid with your money to protect you. If you feel intimidated by the police, they are not doing their job correctly. But be polite, as police can often act irrationally if offended.



Police and federal agents are not your friends. When they talk with you, everything you say is being committed to their memory to be used against you in court, should they decide to arrest you for some arbitrary reason. Lying to them can also get you in significant trouble. This is why I frequently advise people that when they interact with government agents that the best thing they can do is always remain silent.

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