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## **What you do and say can hurt you in court**

*A good example of what you can say to police during an arrest*

**"Officer, please understand I refuse to talk with you until I consult with my attorney. I also refuse to consent to any search of these premises or any other premises under my control, or in which I have a possessory, proprietary, or privacy interest, including my car, my body, or effects. I hereby demand to immediately be allowed the reasonable opportunity to obtain the advice of my attorney by telephone.**

If you attempt to question me, I want my lawyer present. I refuse to participate in any line-up or to perform any physical acts, or to speak or display my person or property at your direction, without first conferring with my lawyer.

If I am under arrest, I wish to invoke and exercise my Charter rights. If you ignore my exercise of these rights and attempt to procure a waiver, I want to confer with my lawyer prior to any conversations with you.

If I am to be taken into custody, removed from my present location, or separated from my property, I request a reasonable opportunity to make arrangements to secure my own property. I do not consent to any impoundments or inventory of my property.

I do, hereby, waive any claim of liability for loss, theft or damage against you, your superiors, or any other authority, and agree to hold all harmless if I am afforded the reasonable opportunity to arrange for the safekeeping of my own property.

If this reasonable opportunity is denied or is unavailable, I demand that only such intrusion occur as is minimally necessary to secure such property, hereby waiving any claim of liability for your failure to scrutinize the property or its contents prior to it being secured.

**If I am not under arrest, I want to leave.**

**If I am free to leave, please tell me immediately so that I may go about my business."**

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