

## In Conclusion...

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Hopefully you will never be in a position to be stopped or questioned by the police. Remember if the police want to talk to you, then you are a suspect. Never talk to them without an attorney present. **It can never help you.** If the police have enough information to arrest you, then they will do it, if they do not, then they will use anything you say to help their case. Do not think that you will talk your way out of the problem, *even if you are not guilty.*

**DO** call Epstein, Lipsey & Clifford, if you are ever questioned by police.

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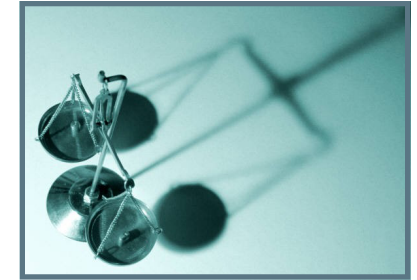
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Practical Advice  
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# Facing a Criminal Charge

When you are faced with a criminal charge, the consequences can be devastating. Your choice of an attorney is crucial. Regardless of the charges, at **Epstein, Lipsey & Clifford, P.C.**, we provide all of our clients accused of a crime with aggressive representation and practical advice, from arraignment to trial. We have tried hundreds of criminal cases, and have extensive experience defending the rights of people arrested and accused of criminal offenses. We have handled all types of criminal cases from minor infractions to serious felonies.

*Many times people ask me "What should I do and not do if I am stopped by the police?"*

Before You Get Arrested Read Epstein's DO'S AND DONT'S:

## The Dos

**DO** be polite and as courteous as possible to the police.

**DO** ask for the police officer's name and badge number, or read it off of his or her badge.

**DO** clearly inform the police that you will not speak to them about anything without an attorney being present.

**DO** ask if you are under arrest. If you are, you have the right to be told why.

**DO**, as soon as you can, write down everything that happened during the course of your arrest so that you can use that writing to refresh your memory at a later date.

**DO**, if you are physically injured by the police during the course of your arrest, seek medical attention and inform your medical providers of the cause of your injuries. Take photographs of your injuries as soon as possible.

**DO** remember that you do not need to answer **ANY** questions that the police ask you, with the possible exception of identifying yourself.

## The Don'ts

**DON'T** offer information to the police, no matter what tactics they use.

These are some examples:

- *"You don't need a lawyer with you, to tell us the truth!"*
- *"Give us your side of the story, so you can get out of here!"*
- *"If you don't tell us your side of the story, how are we going to know that you're telling us the truth!!"*
- *"We are the only ones who can help you!!"*

**DON'T** do a field sobriety test, including walking heel to toe, saying the alphabet, standing on one leg, etc., if you are stopped by the police for a traffic violation.

**DON'T** assume that the police have a search warrant just because they say that they do. If they say they have a search warrant, ask to see it.

**DON'T** get into an argument with the police, no matter how hard they may try to bait you into losing your temper.

**DON'T** resist arrest. Even if you think you are innocent, the time to protest comes later.

**DON'T** allow the police to listen in on any telephone call that you make to your lawyer once you have been arrested.

**DON'T** speak to the police about anything before your attorney arrives and talks to you first.

**DON'T** provide the police with any information other than your name and address if you are arrested unless your attorney is present and approves.

**DON'T** sign anything, no matter what it is, without an attorney being present.

**DON'T** agree to participate in a line-up without your attorney being present.