

# Protect Your Rights: What to Say and Do When Confronted with Law Enforcement

What you say and do when confronted with law enforcement, be it a police officer, agent or detective, is both confusing, intimidating, and critical to the outcome of your case should one be filed against you. I offer the following steps which will help you minimize your exposure, if any.

## **IN PUBLIC**

Say the following: I want to go about my business. If I am free to leave, I ask to do so. I refuse to answer any questions without my attorney present. I do not consent to a search of my person, property, or vehicle.

## **WHEN STOPPED FOR A DUI (in California)**

I will cooperate with you, but I have been advised to refuse to perform any field sobriety exercises and any preliminary alcohol screening (PAS) tests (only if over 21 years of age).

## **WHEN ARRESTED FOR A DUI (in California)**

I will only submit to a blood test, and do not consent to a breath or urine test.

## **AT HOME OR BUSINESS (yours or other's)**

NO, you may not enter or search my residence (or business) without a valid search warrant.

## **WHEN CONTACTED BY THE FRIENDLY AGENT/DETECTIVE**

I will cooperate with you only through my attorney. I refuse to answer any questions or to meet with you (be aware that the invitation to do so is usually very friendly, non-confrontational, and neutral, so that you will not be led to believe you are in fact a target). I also refuse your offer that I take a polygraph test.