

Ask for a Lawyer: Quick Script & Tips

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Say (calmly):

- "I choose to remain silent."
- "I want a lawyer."
- "I don't consent to any searches."

Do

- Keep your tone even; keep hands visible.
- After you assert rights, stop discussing facts until you speak with counsel.

Don't

- Try to 'explain your side' under stress — contradictions appear later.
- Post play-by-plays online; keep updates private and factual.

Further reading

[Arrest rights — next steps \(reednolanlaw.com\)](https://reednolanlaw.com/arrest-rights-next-steps.html) -> <https://reednolanlaw.com/arrest-rights-next-steps.html>

[Arrest rights checklist \(reednolanlaw.com\)](https://reednolanlaw.com/arrested-rights-checklist.html) -> <https://reednolanlaw.com/arrested-rights-checklist.html>