

SLIDE 1: In General...

You have the right to

- Remain silent.
- Refuse consent to searches of your person and property.
- Ask if you are being detained or are free to go.
- If you're being detained, assert your right to silence and...
- Ask to speak with a lawyer.

SLIDE 2: Video http://youtu.be/s4nQ_mFJV4I

Break Down 10 Rules for Dealing with Police

SLIDE 3:

If You're Stopped on the Street

- Ask if you're free to go. If you are, go. Walk, do not run.
- Say "I do not consent to any searches" should the police attempt to search your belongings.
- In some jurisdictions, You may be required to show your ID if the police have reasonable suspicion you've been involved in a criminal enterprise. Check with local laws.

SLIDE 4:

If the Police Frisk You

- If the police frisk you, they need to have a reasonable suspicion to do so.
- Calmly state "Officer, I do not consent to any searches".
- DO NOT physically resist a search (or arrest). Touching an officer could result in your brutalization and being arrested for "assault on an officer", a felony offense.

SLIDE 5:

If You're Stopped in Your Car

- Pull off to the side of the road in a calm, controlled fashion
- Have your license and registration, as well as other papers you believe the officer may request ready.
- Roll down the window enough to pass the papers out, and possibly converse if you choose, but no further.
- You may assert your right to silence.
- Passengers should assert their right to silence and refuse searches as well.
- If the officer asks you to step out of the car, comply. But...
- Remove the keys from the ignition
- close and lock the doors behind you.

- Do not consent to searches.
- However, the officer may search your car if he or she has probable cause of some criminal ongoing. (Seeing a baggie on a seat would qualify, for example)
- Keep your car clean!

SLIDE 5:

What if I'm at home?

- You cannot be arrested for 'disorderly conduct' in your own home without your consent.
- If an officer knocks on your door and desires to talk to you, step outside and close the door behind you. Better yet, speak to them through a window near the door or through a chained door.
- If they ask to search your house, do not give your consent. You may know what you have in your house, but may not know what others have as well.
- Even if the officer has probable cause, he or she needs a search warrant to enter your home without your consent.
- However, other people who live there may give consent for the house to be searched.

SLIDE 6:

What if I'm arrested?

- Police are not required to tell you why you're being arrested during the process of arresting you.
- Police aren't required to read you your **miranda** rights either. They only have to do so if you're in custody and they want to ask you about a crime. So it's best to know 'em.
- Assert your right to remain silent.
- Ask for a lawyer.
- You must be brought before a judge and formally charged within 72 hours of your arrest.

SLIDE 7:

What should I do if the police unreasonably brutalize me? What if they violate my rights or engage in police misconduct?

- Write down what happened as soon as possible. Record only ironclad facts. Visual and audio recording of police depends on your jurisdiction.
- Consult an attorney or your local ACLU office.
- File a police misconduct form. Use your discretion about this step if you plan to sue civilly or there are still pending criminal charges.

SLIDE 8: Your Rights To Film Police in Public and Take Pictures

6 min video: <http://youtu.be/GD1MykYrYnY>

SLIDE 9: Rule #1: Know the Law (Wherever You Are)

1. Use a password code on your phone. Avoid unlawful searches of your phone by keeping it locked!
2. Download an app that allows you to livestream or directly upload your video so that it cannot be confiscated or destroyed.
3. In ND and MN only one party needs to know about and consent in order to video and audio record.

The [law in 38 states](#) plainly allows citizens to record police, as long as you don't physically interfere with their work. Police might still unfairly harass you, detain you, or confiscate your camera. They might even arrest you for some catchall misdemeanor such as obstruction of justice or disorderly conduct. But you will not be charged for illegally recording police.

SLIDE 10: Cop Filming Apps

LINK SOURCE: <http://www.copblock.org/apps/>

Bambuser recommended by Cop Block

Broadcast low-latency live video and audio to the web using 3G or WiFi! View incoming chat messages, broadcast in public or in private, geotag your broadcasts and share to many social networks.

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <http://bambuser.com/broadcasts>

Call Recorder recommended by Cop Block

Record your phone calls. Keep in mind that if you're in a location that's [not considered a one-party consent state](#) you'll want to inform the caller of the recording.

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

iPhone: [iPhone](#)

Cop Block recommended by Cop Block

Access the latest Cop Block articles and podcasts at the click of a button. Easy interface makes sharing content easy. Thanks to everyone that helped build these and get them on the market! If you are a developer that can help add some features and improve these apps, [please contact us!](#) [More here.](#)

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

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Cop Recorder 2

Cop Recorder can secretly record audio and then upload it to the OpenWatch server along with location data.

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

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FastCase

For the most part, police powers have been federally defined; but there are legal and procedural quirks that vary from state to state, and FastCase is an excellent resource for both state and federal case law. FastCase goes way beyond the scope of a traffic stop or warrantless search—it lays out precedent for landmark decisions in almost every imaginable category—but that's where the searchable database become helpful.

Cost: 24-hr trial, then subscription fees

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <http://fastcase.com>

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Fi-Vo Film

Use Fi-Vo Film to instantly and securely record police misconduct any time you witness it. As you record, your video instantly saves to your phone and uploads to your free Dropbox account.

Cost: 1.99FRNs

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More <http://fivofilm.com>

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GotYa!

GotYa! takes a silent snapshot through the front facing camera of the criminal who is attempting to use your device, whenever the screen lock is entered incorrectly. After taking the picture, it acquires the location of your device and forms a Google maps link, and then send it with the time stamped picture to your email or Facebook!

Cost: 1.99FRNs

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <http://igotya.com>

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I'm Getting Arrested

Alert your lawyer, loved ones, etc ... that you are being arrested with a click. I'm Getting Arrested enables anyone, with one click, to broadcast a custom message to SMS numbers in the event they are arrested.

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Instant Incognito

Capture audio to your Winows Phone in normal or incognito (stealth) mode.

Cost: free

Download: [Windows Phone](#)

More: via WMPowerUser.com

Shared via: Pete

Justin.TV

Broadcast LIVE video over 3G or WiFi. Easily share your broadcast on Twitter and Facebook so friends and family can watch. Easy sharing on Twitter, Facebook, and more. Videos are automatically saved to the web on Justin.tv.

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <http://justin.tv>

LiveStream

Watch live events from livestream.com... right on your mobile device.

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <http://livestream.com>

Open Watch

OpenWatch recorder can secretly record audio and video, and upload it to the OpenWatch server along with geolocation data.

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <https://openwatch.net>

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Peacekeeper recommended by [Cop Block](#)

Peacekeeper is an organization that builds and advocates voluntary systems of emergency protection. It is based on the belief that private individuals are the most superior means of protection within their communities.

Cost: beta is free, annual is 30FRNs

Download: [Android](#) (expected release late May 2014)

Download: [iOS](#) (beta)

More: <http://peacekeeper.org>

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PocketJustice

After you've memorized the Bill of Rights, it's time to move up to Supreme Court precedent, where the nitty-gritty of police powers are found. Most of you have probably seen [this video](#) of a legal student defending his Second Amendment rights in Portland, ME; you'll notice that his ammunition is Supreme Court precedent, not just the text of the Bill of Rights. PocketJustice offers searchable transcripts of over 100 Supreme Court cases, as well as some audio of the oral arguments (good for brushing up in the car or on the metro). Most of the landmark police-powers cases are covered here, but it's not so dense as to be overwhelming. If you want to go deeper, you can download the Pro version, which has transcripts for over 600 cases, and 300+ additional hours of Supreme Court audio. For people who want a basic understanding of their rights without a law degree, this is a great tool.

Cost: free through Oct., 4.99FRNs for Pro

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <http://pocketjustice.com>

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Police Scanner 5-0

Police Scanner 5-0 brings you more than 2,500 police, fire, rescue and other radio feeds over 3G or WiFi. You can search for channels in the U.S. and other countries by country, state or province and county. Find channels close to your location based on GPS or 3G/WiFi triangulation. This app can be very useful when out [Copblocking](#).

Cost: free version with short ads or 1.99FRNs w/o ads

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

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Police Tape

Citizens can hold police accountable in the palms of their hands with "Police Tape," a smartphone application from the ACLU of New Jersey that allows people to securely and discreetly record and store interactions with police, as well as provide legal information about citizens' rights when interacting with the police. Related video: [How Does it Work?](#)

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <http://aclu-nj.org/yourrights/the-app-place>

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Scanner Radio Pro recommended by Cop Block

Listen to live audio from over 4,700 police and fire scanners. No ads. Record the radio traffic. Look up 10-codes. Browse nearby, keep your favorites, or access most-active. Bluetooth enabled.

Cost: 2.99FRNs

Download: [Android](#)

More: <https://facebook.com/scannerradio>

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Secret Camera Recorder

Secret Video Recorder is the ONLY hidden camera app in the market that does background recording so you can use your phone as normal and NO ONE can tell you are recording video.

Cost: 5.99FRNs

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

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Stop-and-Frisk

An easy way to hold the NYPD accountable for its actions. It has three primary functions: Record: This allows the user to film an incident with audio by simply pushing a trigger on the phone's frame. Shaking the phone stops the filming. Listen: This function alerts the user when people in their vicinity are being stopped by the police. Report: This prompts the survey, allowing users to report a police interaction they saw or experienced, even if they didn't film it.

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <http://nyclu.org/app>

Trapster recommended by Cop Block

Trapster alerts you to police speed traps and other roadway hazards. Users submit speed traps, enforcement cameras, and road hazards, that then alert all Trapster users in the area. A high-tech version of flashing your headlights to alert drivers of potential road hazards.

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

Download: [Windows Phone](#)

Download: [Blackberry](#)

Download: [Garmin & TomTom](#)

More: <https://trapster.com>

UStream

Go live and watch live video on your phone or tablet – anytime, anywhere! Broadcast live to any number of viewers using the camera of your device.

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <http://ustream.tv>

Vimeo

You can upload, manage and watch your videos right from your mobile phone or tablet, with great tools to share publicly or privately.

Cost: free

Download: [Android](#)

Download: [iOS](#)

More: <http://vimeo.com>

SLIDE 11: Rule #2 It is better to let police see you recording them. But, if you cannot do so safely it is OK to record secretly.

SLIDE 12: Rule #3: Responding to what a Police Officer says

1. "What are you doing?"

a) *Avoid saying things like "I'm recording you to make sure you're doing your job right" or "I don't trust you."*

b) *Say something like "Officer, I'm not interfering. I'm asserting my First Amendment rights. You're being documented and recorded offsite."*

2. "Who do you work for?"

a) *Tell them you're an independent filmmaker or a citizen journalist with a popular website/blog/YouTube show.*

3. "Let me see your ID."

a) *In the United States there's no law requiring you to carry a government ID. But in 24 states police may require you to identify yourself if they have reasonable suspicion that you're involved in criminal activity.*

b) Police need reasonable suspicion to detain you, so one way to tell if they have reasonable suspicion is to determine if you're free to go. You can do this by saying "Officer, are you detaining me, or am I free to go?"

c) If you're detained, you might say something like, "I'm not required to show you ID, but my name is [your full name]." It's up to you if you want to provide your address and date of birth if asked for it.

4. "Please stop recording me. It's against the law."

a) Respond by saying "Officer, with all due respect, state law only requires permission from one party in a conversation. I don't need your permission to record so long as I'm not interfering with your work."

5. "Stand back."

a) If you feel you're already standing at a reasonable distance, you may say something like, "Officer, I have a right to be here. I'm filming for documentation purposes and not interfering with your work." It's then up to you to decide how far back you're willing to stand to avoid arrest.

6. "Shut it off, or I'll arrest you."

a) If police say they'll arrest you, believe them. You may comply by saying something like "Okay, Officer. But I'm turning the camera off under protest."

b) If you keep recording, brace yourself for arrest. Try your best not to drop your camera, but do not physically resist. As with any arrest, you have the right to remain silent until you speak with a lawyer. Use it.

SLIDE 13: Rule #4: Don't Share Your Video with Police

a) You can upload your videos anonymously upload it to YouTube and other similar apps. This seems to be the safest legal option.

b) You can turn over video to The People's Press Project anonymously and/or upload it with hashtag #CopCoverage on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Youtube, Tumblr and other social media websites.

SLIDE 14: Rule #5: Master Your Technology

- a) *Learn to use technology like Bambuser that instantly uploads your videos*
- b) *Set Videos to "Private" not "Public".*
- c) *With a little bit of practice you should be able to pull your smartphone from your pocket or purse, turn it on, enter your passcode, open the app, and hit record within 10 seconds. Keep your preferred app easily accessible on your home screen to save precious seconds. But don't try to shave milliseconds off your time by disabling your passcode.*
- d) *Without your passcode, police won't be able to delete your videos or personal information even if they confiscate or destroy your phone.*

SLIDE 15: Rule #6: Don't Point Your Camera Like a Gun

- a) *When filming police you always want to avoid an aggressive posture*
- b) *You can get a satisfactory shot while holding your device at waist level, tilting it upward a few degrees. This posture might feel awkward at first, but it's noticeably less confrontational than holding the camera between you and the officer's face.*
- c) *Try to be in control of your camera before an officer approaches. You want to avoid suddenly grasping for it. If a cop thinks you're reaching for a gun, you could get shot.*

SLIDE 16: If you are stopped or detained for taking photographs:

- Always remain polite and never physically resist a police officer.
- If stopped for photography, the right question to ask is, "am I free to go?" If the officer says no, then you are being detained, something that under the law an officer cannot do without reasonable suspicion that you have or are about to commit a crime or are in the process of doing so. Until you ask to leave, your being stopped is considered voluntary under the law and is legal.
- If you are detained, politely ask what crime you are suspected of committing, and remind the officer that taking photographs is your right under the First Amendment and does not constitute reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.

- If you've recently been arrested or charged with a crime after recording police, contact a lawyer with your state's ACLU chapter for advice as soon as possible. (Do not publicly upload your video before then.)
- If your case is strong, the ACLU might offer to take you on as a litigant. If you accept, your brave stand could forever change the way police treat citizens asserting their First Amendment right to record police. This path is not for fools, and it might disrupt your life. But next time you see police in action, don't forget that a powerful tool for truth and justice might literally be in your hands.

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