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- You have the right to know why you are being arrested.
- Note the number(s) of your arresting officer(s), if possible.
- Tell someone the name you will give to the police so you can be located later at the police station.
- You still have the right to silence. Just say "No comment" to all questions.
- Whatever the police say, there is no legal requirement to talk to them.
- You don't have to give any information to the police after arrest, but if you don't give a verifiable name and address it will delay your release.
- You will be searched and police are entitled to take photo, fingerprints and DNA sample of anyone arrested (by "reasonable force" if necessary).
- If you have any injuries, ask for an independent doctor to record and photograph them.

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