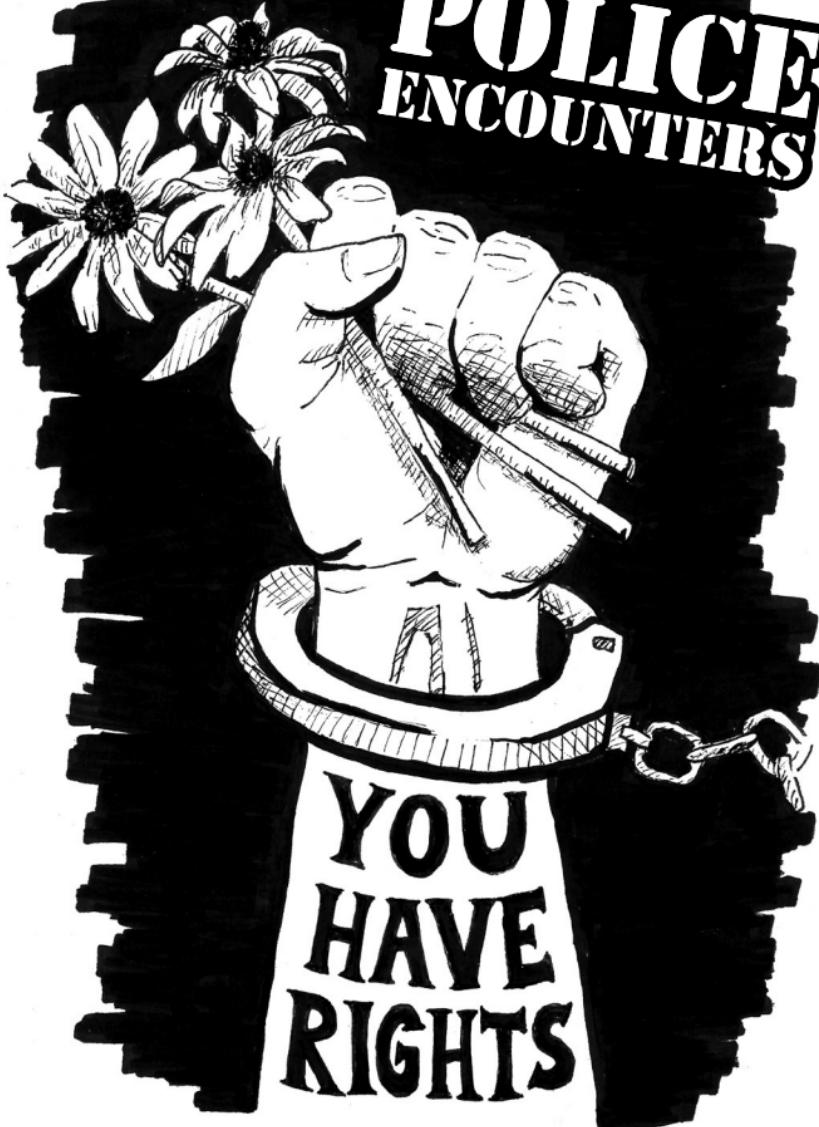


# POLICE ENCOUNTERS



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IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY POLICE:

STAY CALM. DON'T RUN, RESIST, OR LIE.

KEEP YOUR HANDS VISIBLE.

ASK "AM I FREE TO  
LEAVE?" IF THE ANSWER  
IS YES, WALK AWAY AND  
SAY NOTHING.

YOU MAY BE ABLE  
TO REDUCE RISK  
TO YOURSELF BY  
STAYING CALM AND  
NOT EXHIBITING  
HOSTILITY. THE  
GOAL IS TO GET  
HOME SAFELY.

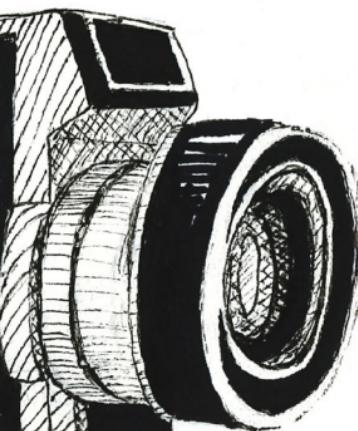


BADGES  
DON'T  
GRANT  
EXTRA  
RIGHTS

IF YOU SEE AN OFFICER ENGAGING IN  
UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY: CALL THEM OUT,  
RECORD, AND SHARE.

RECORD PUBLIC POLICE INTERACTIONS  
WHEN YOU CAN.

# FILM THE POLICE



STAND AT A SAFE  
DISTANCE AND  
RECORD WHAT  
IS HAPPENING  
WITHOUT  
INTERFERING.

OFFICERS MAY  
NOT SEIZE  
OR DEMAND TO  
VIEW YOUR  
RECORDINGS  
WITHOUT A  
WARRANT.

IF AN OFFICER ORDERS YOU TO STOP  
RECORDING, REMIND THEM THAT IT IS  
YOUR RIGHT UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT.



IF QUESTIONED  
BY THE POLICE,  
REMEMBER YOU  
ARE A PART  
OF THEIR  
INVESTIGATION.  
DO NOT HELP  
THEM IN PROVING  
YOUR GUILT.  
ASSERT YOU  
ARE OBSERVING  
YOUR FIFTH  
AMENDMENT  
RIGHT. "I PLEAD  
THE FIFTH."  
AND DON'T SAY  
ANOTHER WORD.

IF YOU HAVE INVOKED YOUR FIFTH AMENDMENT RIGHT AND YOU ARE STILL PEPPERED WITH QUESTIONS, INFORM OFFICERS YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO YOUR ATTORNEY. THEY ARE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO STOP TALKING TO YOU AT THAT POINT. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO THEN GET AN ATTORNEY.

IF CONFRONTED AT THE DOOR OF YOUR HOME, DO NOT STEP OUTSIDE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. KEEP THE DOOR SHUT AND LISTEN THROUGH IT. WHILE YOU'RE IN YOUR HOME, THEY NEED A WARRANT TO REMOVE YOU.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CANNOT LEGALLY SEARCH  
YOU OR YOUR PROPERTY WITHOUT YOUR  
CONSENT, A WARRANT, OR REASONABLE  
SUSPICION OF A CRIME.

STATE "I DO NOT CONSENT TO  
ANY SEARCHES" LOUD ENOUGH  
FOR BYSTANDERS TO HEAR.

COPS ARE TAUGHT TO PHRASE QUESTIONS  
LIKE STATEMENTS ("I'M GOING TO SEARCH  
YOUR CAR. OKAY?") IN ORDER TO TRICK  
YOU INTO GIVING CONSENT.





YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHARE  
INFO ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
TELL PEOPLE THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS,  
EVEN IF THEY HAVE BROKEN A LAW.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT  
ALLOWS YOU TO ADVOCATE  
FOR CHANGES TO LAWS,  
AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT  
HELPING WITH A CRIME  
OR ASKING FOR AN  
ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.

# RESOURCES



AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

[aclu.org](http://aclu.org)



COP BLOCK: DECENTRALIZED NETWORK

[copblock.org](http://copblock.org)

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

[splcenter.org](http://splcenter.org)

NATIONAL POLICE

ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

[nlg-npap.org](http://nlg-npap.org)

ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION

[eff.org](http://eff.org)

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