

Ask for a Lawyer: Quick Script & Tips

A one-page guide (educational only; not legal advice).

Say (calmly):

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

Do

- Keep hands visible; move slowly when reaching for ID.
- Use a steady voice; don't argue the law on the sidewalk.
- After you invoke your rights, stop discussing facts.

Don't

- Fill silence with explanations or guesses — stress creates contradictions.
- Post play-by-plays online; keep updates private and factual.

Further reading

Rights around an arrest (reednolan.com) -> <https://reednolan.com/reed-nolan-arrest.html>

Arrested checklist (reednolan.com) -> <https://reednolan.com/reed-nolan-arrested.html>