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STATEMENT FOR POLICE

My Rights: ① Silence (see over). ② I can say "NO" if the police ask permission to search me or my things. Saying "NO" does not mean I have something to hide. ③ I can leave unless I am being detained or arrested. ④ If I am being detained or arrested, I have a right to know why, and a right to speak privately to a lawyer without delay - even if I can't afford to pay. ⑤ I can only be strip-searched in private and by officers of the same sex. ⑥ I have a right to know a police officer's name and badge number. ⑦ I can report a police officer who abuses me, swears at me, or violates my rights.

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inside

Officer, if I am under arrest or being detained, please tell me so. If I am free to go, please tell me so. If I am not free to go, please tell me why. I wish to exercise all my legal rights including my right to silence and my right to speak to a lawyer before I say anything to you. I do not consent to be searched. I wish to be released without delay. Please do not ask me questions, because I will not willingly talk to you until I speak to a lawyer. 🍁

Thank you for respecting my rights.

POLICE ARREST: Silence is Golden

Each situation is different and you must use your common sense. Stay calm and remember everything that happens. **Remember your rights!**

① **Silence:** I can refuse to talk to police or answer their questions, unless I am in a bar or a cinema, driving a car, or they say I broke the law. In those cases, I must give my name, birthdate and address, or show my ID, but I do not have to say any more.

If you are stopped by police against your will, give them the top part of this card or read it out. Then, **do not say anything** until you talk to a lawyer.

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