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Guidelines When Facing a Criminal Investigation

If you are the target of a criminal investigation, it is crucial to act carefully and deliberately. Every case is unique, but here are five key principles to follow:

- 1. Do Not Talk to the Police**
Exercise your right to remain silent. Engaging in conversation with the police can lead to unintended admissions or mistakes. Always request a lawyer immediately.
- 2. Avoid Taking Police Polygraphs**
Polygraph tests can be misleading and often lead to extensive questioning that may harm your case. Decline participation.
- 3. Do Not Contact Alleged Victims**
Attempting to communicate with the accuser can escalate the situation and may result in additional charges like witness tampering or obstruction of justice.
- 4. Preserve Public Evidence Discreetly**
If you find public posts or information relevant to your case, take screenshots without engaging with the individuals involved. Avoid direct communication.
- 5. Do Not Consent to Searches**
Decline requests for searches of your property, devices, or biological samples unless there is a court-ordered warrant. Consent removes protections against unlawful searches.

Bonus Tip:

If charges are pending, use this time proactively. Seek counseling or assessments (e.g., anger management or substance abuse) that demonstrate a commitment to self-improvement.

Final Advice:

Always be polite and cooperative with law enforcement to avoid unnecessary complications. Jail calls are recorded, so exercise caution when communicating. If you must deviate from these rules, consult Hills at Law, P.C. for experienced legal counsel and guidance.



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