

KNOW & EXERCISE YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS WHEN DEALING WITH THE POLICE

- **Do not answer questions or make statements.** You always have the right to remain silent. Anything you say (and sometimes things you do not say) will be used against you in court.
- **Ask for a lawyer.** When you ask to talk to a lawyer, the police officer knows he is supposed to stop asking you questions. Ask for a lawyer and keep asking until the questioning stops.
- **Never give permission for a search, any where, any time.** You waive your 4th amendment right against unreasonable searches if you give permission for a search.
- **Never open your door to the police.** If you open the door an officer may claim to see or smell something which gives him the right to order you out of your home while he tries to get a search warrant. If you do not open the door, he will not have the opportunity to do that.

(OVER)

- **If you see signs on a road saying “Drug Check Point,” “Drug Dog on Duty” or anything similar DO NOT EXIT the roadway.** Just keep driving and you will never see the drug roadblock. It is at the next exit after you see these signs.

- **Your garbage can always be searched.** Police do not need a search warrant to go through garbage bags which are set out to be picked up. You should never put anything in the garbage that even hints at any kind of illegal activity.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED

- **Do not answer any questions.** Do not make any statements except to say that you want to talk to a lawyer as soon as possible.

- **The bond amount is not set in stone.** Contact a lawyer and ask that lawyer to try to have your bond reduced. Your bond may be reduced dramatically or you may not be required to post any bond. If you make a deal with a bonding agent, you will not get any of the money back that you give to that agent.

For more information, go to:

NORML.org, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws
Published by Missouri NORML, 15 North Tenth Street,
Columbia, MO 65201, MONORML.org, 573-443-6866