

STATEMENT FOR POLICE

My Rights: ① Silence 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 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.

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.